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ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting to their patrons, and the public their Thirty-third, annual report of the state and condition of the New-York Lying-in-Asylum, the Managers have the great satisfaction, of assuring them of its continued prosperity and usefulness. During the past year, one hundred and sixty-seven respectable women, have been admitted into the Asylum, whose marriage has been proven either by certificate, or satisfactory evidence given to the Visiting Committee Eighty have left as Wet-Nurses, in whose health and respectability confidence could be placed, an advantage only fully appreciated by those who have had occasion to require one, and know the anxiety and solicitude dependent upon a proper selection,

The general health of the Institution is and has been unexceptionable, the inmates have been free from all other visitations of disease than those incidental to their peculiar situation.

The resident physician Dr. E. R. Pulling, has been skilfull and effective in his services, and our kind matron, Mrs. Monilaws, still exercises her energetic supervision over the affairs and interests of the establishment, the economy and management of which is admirable.

To the consulting and attending physicians, ever ready to offer their valuable assistance and advice, in cases of emergency, the Managers are sensible, and tender their most sincere thanks.

Our out-door department continues to be of essential benefit to those, who, although able to remain at home, are not competent to pay for medical attendance, and who by leaving their address at the asylum, will be furnished with skilful gratuitous attendance. Of such recipients, 828 have received the benefit of this charity, and the attention of the district physicians is worthy of commendation.

The asylum has received the aid and support of many to whom those most interested in its welfare must feel grateful, but it is from the bequest of the late Mr. James McBride, that they have been enabled to meet the steadily increasing demands upon it. By referring to the Treasurer's report a full statement will be shown of the financial affairs, and will furnish a strong appeal to those who sympathise with us, not

to withdraw or diminish their subscriptions, but as God has prospered them, to increase it.

Abounding as our city does in Institutions of Benevolence, ours, from its peculiar nature, must remain in retirement, and can never, be brought prominently before the public. We are aware of very interesting cases, which if related would forcibly appeal to the best feelings of the heart, but we deem it out of place, and trust to the knowledge the public have of this the only establishment in a large and populous city. We hope to be sustained by that Almighty Parent, who overruleth all things for good; and who, knoweth the heart's intentions of those who truly desire to do his will, and may the blessing of "Him who was ready to perish," rest upon those who contribute their sympathy and aid to this Institution.

ELIZA A. SCHMIDT,

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Physician's Report.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New-York Lying-in Asylum.

ABSTRACT of the results of cases occurring during the Asylum year to date, (April 9th, 10, P.M.)

Mothers left, or remaning in the house, in good health,	131
" " " " in feeble " -	1
" died in the house, - - - -	3
Total Confinements in the Asylum, - - -	135

Of the Children born in the Asylum, there were

Boys, - - -	74
Girls, - - -	62
Total Children born in the house, -	136

The condition of the Children at birth was

Living, - - -	127
Dead, - - -	7
Premature, - -	2
Total, - - -	136

Summary of Confinements.

House cases, - - -	135
District cases, - - -	828
Total house and district cases, - - -	**963**

It is with a feeling of profound regret that I announce the recent death of Dr. MARS WHITESIDE, one of the District Physicians of the New York Lying-in Asylum.

Always faithful in the discharge of the duties he assumed, Dr. Whiteside was one of the most useful medical officers of this institution. The victim of a painful chronic malady, his death was undoubtedly hastened by his unremitting industry in behalf of the sick and suffering poor, to whose relief nearly all his time and skill were devoted.

The intergrity of purpose which he uniformly exhibited, gained him the respect of all his acquaintances. His death has not only plunged in grief his immediate circle of friends, but has left a more widely spread regret among all who could appreciate his worth.

With great respect,

EZRA R. PULLING.

April, 10*th*, 1856.

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH ANN COIT, TREASURER.

By Interest		$ 475 00
" Subscriptions,		742 00
" Donations,		311 50
" New York Central R. R. Bond sold,		456 25
" Legacy from the late James McBride, Esq.		50 00
		2,434 75
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To Balance due from old Account,	$ 73 58	
" Cash paid Salaries and Wages,	502 00	
" " Gas and Soap,	167 64	
" " Coal,	255 90	
" " Printing,	47 63	
" " Fire Insurances and Croton tax,	39 70	
" " Furniture and Repairs,	106 62	
" " Provisions,	810 07	
" " Flour,	342 07	
" " Medicines,	33 75	2,378 96
Balance on hand,		$ 55 79

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	Le Barbier	3
	Lane Josiah	3
	Lord Daniel jr.	3
	Lentilhon A.	3
	Le Roy Jacob	3
	Lametta	3
	Loder Benj.	3
Miss.	Lenox	5
	Lenox H.	5
Mrs.	Laight Wm.	5
	LaFarge J.	5
	Lane David	3
	Lowerry John	3
	Lathrop R. W.	5
	Lamson Charles	5
	Lane G W.	3
	Little E. B.	5

Mrs.	Le Roy Robert	$10
	Le Boutillier	3
Mr.	Lawrence Benj.	3
	Lawrence James	3
Mrs.	Leigh B W.	3
	McCarty,	5
	Maurice Charles	3
	McGinsey	3
Mr.	Marshall C. H.	10
Mrs.	Maitland Wm.	5
	McEvers B.	5
	Murray R. I,	3
	Mooney	3
	Maitland Robt.	5
	Myers	3
	Myers I. K.	3
	McCready Thos.	3
	Marsh James	3
Miss.	Murray Mary	3
Mrs.	McKie Joseph	3
	Morris Dr. R. L.	3
	Mason, T.	3
Rev.	McCarron	5
Mr.	Maginnis. Rev.	3
	Morris Wm. L.	3
	Murphy John	3
	Mitchell S.	3
	Miller D. S.	
	Mortimer John jr.	5
	Mortimer John H.	3
	Maynard M.	3
	M'Bride	3
Mrs.	Minor Dr.	3
	Morris Robert	5
	Moses Jacob I.	3
	Metcalfe John T.	5
	Moore Jared L.	5
	Meyer Rev.	3
	Murray Robt,	3
	Munson Marie	3
	McMullen	3
	Mann F.	3
	Messenger T.	3
	Morehouse S.	3
	Morford Chas. A.	5
	McNeille	3
	Meyer Henry	5
	Nathan Benjamin	3
	Nelson John	3
	Neilson A. B.	3
	Norrie A.	5
	Nevius J. R.	3
	Nathan Menden	3
	Oothout John	3
	Oliver J D.	3
	Ogden S. Cornell	3
	Ogden David	3
	Olyphant G.	3
	Parmentier,	5
	Parkin W. H.	3
	Post Wm.	3
	Phyfe Duncan	3
	Post Alfred	5
	Patterson	3
	Pillot	3
	Post Waldron	5
	Pierrepont B. H.	3
	Poppenhusen	3
	Pell Alfred	10
	Park J. M	3
	Parish Daniel	3
Mr.	Phelps Anson G.	100
	Palmer Cortland	3
Rev.	Mr. Quinn	3
Mrs.	Roosevelt J. J.	5
	Robinson J. P.	5

Mrs.	Rogers John	$5
	Redmond Wm.	5
	Remsen Daniel	3
	Reed Ezra C.	3
	Riggs E.	5
	Routh, H.	5
	Ruggles S. B.	5
	Reed Geo. W.	5
	Root W. M.	3
	Reilly,	3
	Richards A. C,	3
	Smiler,	3
	Spencer, George G.	3
	Stevenson, E.	3
	Shaw, J. S.	3
	Schermerhorn P. A.	5
	Schmidt J. W.	10
	Stuyvesant N.	3
	Strong Geo. W.	3
	Sheat	3
	Sheaf J. F.	5
	Stuyvesant P. G.	3
	Stuart Kinlock	3
	Smith E. J.	3
	Seaman John	3
	Satterlee Geo.	3
	Sheppard Chas. A.	3
	Stone Henry A.	3
	Stevens John C.	5
	Swift John A.	5
	Spencer C.	10
	Sabine Dr.	5
	Suydam R. D	5
	Smith Charles D.	5
	Smith Gamaleil	5
	Smith James E.	3
	Sullivan Nathan	5
	Stilwell S. M.	5
	Shell Robert	3
	Strong Charles	3
Rev.	Starr Wm.	5
Mrs.	Spencer C.	10
	Spencer, L. C.	10
Mr.	Sherman C.	3
Mrs.	Sweet M. A.	3
	Skidmore W.	3
	Stone R. C.	3
	Smedberg	3
	Stebbings Henry G.	5
	Shiff	5
	Skiddy	3
	Swan L. B. jr.	3
	Sumner G. W.	3
	Swanton C.	3
	Stimson	3
	Steiner Eliza	3
	Seton Alfred	3
	Sherman Catharine	3
Miss	Skidmore L. A. H.	3
Mr.	Skidmore Jeremiah	3
Mrs.	Smith Thomas	3
	Saltus Francis	3
	Stoddard C. H.	5
	Strong George B.	3
	Simmons J. H.	5
	Schaunberg T. G.	3
	Townsend Isaac	3
	Talbot C. N.	5
	Treadwell, J. P.	3
	Taylor Rev. T. H.	3
	Tredwell Seabury	5
	Tooker, John	3
	Tyng Rev. S.	5
	Tripler Archibald	5
	Treadwell S.	3
	Trask A. G.	3

Mrs.	Taylor D. A.	$3
	Terwillinger	3
	Talbot George A.	3
	Van Schaick M.	3
	Vose, Charlotte	3
	Del Vale	10
	Vankleeck H, W.	3
	Van Buren	3
	Vanderpool F. S.	3
	Van Wyck C. R.	5
	Weeks R. D.	5
	Watts Anna	3
	Walker Wm.	3
	Wisner Wm. H.	3
	Wotherspoon G.	3
	Willets S. Abel	5
	Woolsey Edward	5
	West William	3
Mrs	Winthrop Benj.	$3
	Whitney,	3
	Willetts, R. R.	3
	Wilmerding, W. E.	3
	Wood Wm.	5
	Watson John	3
	Wetson	3
	West I. J.	3
	Wight Ed.	3
	White H. P.	3
	Wagstaff. David C.	3
	White. John L.	5
	Wemple C. G.	3
	Wolfe J. D.	10
	Whitney Francis H.	3
Mr.	Whitney M.	3
Mrs.	Wolf John	3
Mrs.	Wenman	$3
	Walters	3
	Watson William	5
	Wiley, Alexander	$3
	Willets Samuel	3
	Willets, F. R. R.	3
	Willets	3
	Wright, Butler J.	3
	Wheelock. J. D.	3
	Wyckoff T S.	3
	Wiggins C. R.	3
	Whiting Augustus	5
Dr.	T. Ward	3
Mrs.	Yates D. P.	5
	Yates C.	3
	Yale	3
	Yule Cyrus	3

DONATIONS IN CLOTHING.

12 pairs of Infant's socks, . . . from Mrs. Day's.
30 Infant's shirts, ... from a Lady.
1 Piece of Flannel,
1 " " "
1 Piece of Linsey,
1 Piece of Shirting,
3½ Dozen of Binding, . . . from Messrs. Halsted, Haines & Co.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but, any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of six Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call specia- meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annul ally shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons honorary members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected a Manager or entitled to vote at the annual election for a Board of managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Thursday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers:

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.
in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been Six Months in the Country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting,

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physican in attendance who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without her special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of the Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws, without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion-street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Officers for the Year 1857.

Mrs. J. W SCHMIDT,	First Directress,	63 Clinton Place.
T. MASON,	Second "	12 Second Street.
BACHE McEVERS,	Third "	Staten Island.
DR. BLISS,	Fourth "	79 East 18th Street.
THOMAS A. EMMET,	Fifth "	24 University Place.
DR. COCK,	Sixth "	68 East 15th Street.
HENRY COIT,	Treasurer,	28 Varick Street.
J. R. NEVIUS,	Secretary,	7 West 9th Street.

MANAGERS,

Mrs O. J. Cammann, 14 West 14th Street.
James Brooks, 339 5th Avenue,
Dr. J. H. Andariese, 152 11th Street.
G. J. Cornell, 143 Hudson Street.
Ogden Hoffman, Burlington.
Samuel Jaudon, Hell Gate,
Patterson, 63 Clinton Place,
Fred'k Jones, 90 East 27th Street.
G. W. Sumner, 22 West 29th Street.
E. B. Little, 20 Washington Place.
Mrs. S. H. Foster, 19 East 14th Street.
Robt. S. Bullus, 10 Beach Street.
Colden, 28 Laight Street,
Thomas W. Clerke, 170 East 13th St.
B. Watkins Leigh, 23 West 21st St.
John H. Mortimer, 16 University Place,
Henry Meyer, 41 West 17th Street.
Leonard Corning, 9th Street.
W. Starr Millerl 39 5th Avenue.
James B. Johnston, 56 Tenth Street.

ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

Dr. Thomas F. Cock, John T. Metcalfe, M.D., E. A. Beadle, M.D

CONSULTING PHYSICIANS.

Isaac Wood, M.D.
Thomas Cock, M.D.
J. C. Cheesman, M.D.
J. H. Borrowe, M.D.
Francis U. Johnston, M.D.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

Dr. S. B. Wylie McLeod.

DISTRICT PHYSICIANS.

Dr. Gilman, 5 East 13th Street.
Barker, 22 West 11th Street.
Aylett, 52 East 16th Street.
Gibson, 29 West 11th Street.
Kent, 40 Howard Street.
Kiernan, 196 East 21st Street.
Donaghe, 102 4th Avenue.
Dr. Beach, 287 Bowery.
Mitchell, 51 West 38th Street
Swift, 20 East Broadway.
I. L. Kiernan, 198 Avenue C.
Budd, 143 East 13th Street.
Aigner, 351 Broome Street.
Bartholf, 30 Irving Place.
Dr. T. G. Thomas, 282 4th Avenue.

ANNUAL REPORT.

It becomes the duty of the Managers to present their Thirty-fourth, report of the New-York Lying-in-Asylum. In doing so, they feel that from its peculiar quiet and retirement, little occurs during its yearly round, to bring it more prominently before the public: yet it demands from them, an expression of "Gratitude to Him," who has blessed and prospered their exertions and permitted them to afford shelter and protection in the time of need, to One Hundred and Thirty One, virtuous and respectable women. Many have been Americans, Fifty-six Protestants, Seventy-five Roman Catholics. One Hundred and Eleven have been confined. A very large number have left as Wet-Nurses,—proving the great necessity of this Charity, its extent and usefulness.

Great discrimination and care is taken by the Visiting Committee, that no unworthy object shall be admitted, though frequent attempts at fraud are made. All however are received, having the requisite proof of marriage, with a residence of six months in the country. The demand for Wet-Nurses from our Institution, urges upon us the responsibility of providing those only, that can be depended upon, for good health and moral character.

The Managers have reason to be satisfied with the resident physician, Dr. McLeod, whose attention to the patients, and successful treatment, merits the approbation of the Board. From his report it will be seen, how large a number of cases are attended to, by the out-door-department in connection with this Establishment.

The Board again testify, and would add a tribute of thanks to the attending Physicians for the promptness and kindness with which they, from year to year, give their valuable gratutitous services in extreme cases.

With sentiments of tenderness, we record the death of our late Matron, Mrs. Isabella Monilaws, who for twenty-five years effectually filled that position;—She was a faithful follower of Christ, for nearly half a century, God having early in life withdrawn her affections from earth, by the operations of His Grace, and to make it more complete His chastening hand was laid upon her. She was just, and conscientious in the performance of her duty to the patients, nor was she unmindful of their spiritual welfare.

Mrs. Hope has been unanimously elected to fill the

vacancy occasioned by her death, and judging from the experience of the last past ten months, the Managers consider themselves fortunate in having secured her supervision.

Kind friends, and patrons, in conclusion, we are constrained to urge upon you the claims of our Asylum; it is to you, with God's blessing, we look for aid to enable us to continue this great charity.

"As ye have freely received, freely give," remembering always that "in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me;" for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.

ELIZA A. SCHMIDT,

First Directress.

SARAH B. NEVIUS,

Secretary.

April 16*th.* 1857.

Resident Physician's Report.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New-York Lying-in Asylum.

The following is a statement of the cases that have come under the care of the Resident Physician, during the past Asylum year (April 15th, 10, P. M.) together with the result to mothers and children.

Number of Confinements in the Asylum, - -	107
Number of Children born in the Asylum, - - -	108

Of the Children born in the house, there were

Males, - -	58
Females, - -	50
Total, - -	108

The condition of Children at birth was

Living and Healthy,	103
" Unhealthy,	2
" Deformed,	2
Dead, - -	1
Total, - -	108

The condition of Mothers on leaving the Asylum was

In good health, -	100
" feeble health, -	2
Died in house, -	0
Total, - -	102
Remaining in house and doing well,	5
Total, - -	107

Summary of Cases,

Attended by Resident Physician in the Asylum,	107
" " District Physicians at their homes, - -	401
Total receiving the benefit of the Asylum, - -	508

Both of the children recorded as unhealthy at birth, subsequently died, in the Asylum. Of the women who left in feeble health, neither was suffering from the result of confinement, but from chronic disease the consequence of other causes, and contracted before entering the Asylum.

The great decrease since last year in the number of district cases is to be attributed to the fact that last winter was less severe than the previous one, and hence the necessity for receiving gratutitous attendance did not exist as extensively as in the former season, and also that other sources are presented from which without expense attendance is afforded.

Encouraged by the past and hoping that the usefulness of the Asylum may be still further extended,

I Respectfully submit my report,

S. B. WYLIE McLEOD.

April 15*th*, 1857.

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH ANN COIT, TREASURER.

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By Balance from old account,		55 79
" Subscriptions,		765
" Donations,		376 50
" Interest,		690
" Legacy from S. M. Thompson,		5,566
" " " Mrs. E. McCarthy.		961 31
		8,414 60
DR.		
To Fire Insurance and Croton Tax,	$42 10	
" Groceries,	631 04	
" Coal and Wood,	229	
" Salaries and Wages,	645	
" Gas and Soap,	191 50	
" Printing,	43 08	
" Flour,	204 42	
" Provisions,	611 03	
" Furniture and Repairs,	268 46	
" Medicines,	46 21	
" Lawyers fees,	150 31	
Expenses for the year,	3,062 15	
" 4 Bonds, Hudson R. R. R. first mortgage,	4,010	7,072 15
Balance on hand,		$1,342 45

ANN COIT, *Treasurer.*

E. E.

NEW YORK APRIL, 16, 1857.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Benefactors by Contributing Fifty Dollars and upwards.

Mr. Astor John Jacob
Mrs. Austen David
Alley Saul
Mr. Bailey Benjamin
Dr. Beekman
Mrs. Banyer
Boggs James
Mr. Bowne Walter
Brown Silas
Brown James
Bruen A. M.
Mrs. Buloid Robert
Brown Silas
Dr. Cock Thomas
Cox Samuel H.
Mr. Cornell Robert C.
Coles Isaac U.
Douglass George
Darling Thomas
Mrs. Darling Frances
Dunscomb E.
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Field Hickson W.
Mr. Griswold N. L.
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ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but, any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of six Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons honorary members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected a Manager, or entitled to vote at the annual election for a Board of managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Thursday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers:

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been Six Months in the Country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physican in attendance who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without her special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane, or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of the Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws, without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion-street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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T. MASON,	Second "	12 Second Street.
BACHE McEVERS,	Third "	Staten Island.
DR. BLISS,	Fourth "	54 West 17th Street.
THOMAS A. EMMET,	Fifth "	24 University Place.
DR. COCK,	Sixth "	68 East 15th Street.
HENRY COIT,	Treasurer,	28 Varick Street.
J. R. NEVIUS,	Secretary,	7 West 19th Street.

MANAGERS,

Mrs. O. J. Cammann, 14 West 14th Street.
James Brooks, 339 5th Avenue.
Dr. J. H. Andariese, 152 11th Street.
G. J. Cornell, 143 Hudson Street.
Ogden Hoffman, 19 West 22d Street.
Samuel Jaudon, Hell Gate.
Patterson, 63 Clinton Place.
Fred'k Jones, 90 East 27th Street.
G. W. Sumner, 22 West 29th Street.
E. B. Little, 20 Washington Place.
Mrs. S. H. Foster, 19 East 14th Street.
Robt. S. Bullus, 10 Beach Street.
Colden, 28 Laight Street.
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B. Watkins Leigh, 23 West 21st St.
John H. Mortimer, 16 University Place.
Henry Meyer, 41 West 17th Street.
Leonard Corning, 77 9th Street.
W. Starr Miller, 39 5th Avenue.
James B. Johnson, 56 Tenth Street.

ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

John T. Metcalfe, M.D., E. L. Beadle, M.D., Geo. T. Elliot, Jr. M.D.

CONSULTING PHYSICIANS.

Isaac Wood, M.D.
Thomas Cock, M.D.
J. C. Cheesman, M.D.
J. H. Borrowe, M.D.
Thomas F. Cock, M.D.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

S. B. Wylie McLeod, M.D.

DISTRICT PHYSICIANS.

Dr. Gilman, 5 East 13th street.
" Barker, 70 Union Place, 4th Avenue.
" Aylett, 99 East 17th Street.
" Gibson, 29 West 11th Street.
" Kent, 99 Spring Street.
" Keirnan, 196 East 21st Street.
" Donaghe, 102 4th Avenue.
" Beach, 287 Bowery.
" Swift, N. E. Cor. 44th st. & 6th Avenue.
Dr. Bartholf, 180 West 25th Street.
" Thomas 282 4th Avenue.
" Manwaring, 132 9th Avenue
" Wilson, 68 Spring Street.
" Dana, 81 Franklin Street.
" Bell, 37 Forsyth Street.
" Hoffman, 1 West 25th Street.
" Parsons, 70 Franklin Street.
" Lovejoy, 348 Broadway.
Dr. Budd, 143 East 13th Street.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Managers of the New-York Lying-in-Asylum, congratulate themselves upon being able to present its affairs as still in a prosperous condition, and desire to express their gratitude to the "All-wise-Disposer" for its increasing utility. Since our last report 129 married women have been confined, 130 children born. A large number of the women have obtained places as wet-nurses.

The applicants being under the supervision of the Visiting Committee, we feel assured that not a single deserving object has been turned from our doors. The class of patients admitted have been most worthy. This last past disastrous year has compelled many to ask an asylum, that under ordinary circumstances would not have required it: the mechanic and laboring man, unable to procure work, to provide the necessary means of comfort for those dear to them, have been compelled to ask our care. Could you listen to the little histories of their sufferings, and the grateful blessings, with which they return your charity, you would consider your subscription munificent, and be amply repaid for the expenditure.

The Asylum still retains the services of Dr. M'Leod, who has been untiring and skilful in performing his

professional duties. The Board would tender their thanks to the Attending Physicians, for the great relief afforded them by the assurance that they are ever ready to give their valuable assistance in extreme cases. We desire also to render a tribute of respect to the memory of one of our Board of Consulting Physicians, the late Francis U. Johnston, M. D. His knowledge of the diseases most peculiar to our Institution, with his clear decisions, have almost rendered his opinion oracular. The confidence all felt in him, and the quiet retirement of his character, were in keeping with his many acts of kindness and charity. It is also with sorrow, we record the death of one who has for many years addressed us this day, asking a blessing upon this Asylum, and cheering us on in the performance of our duty :—he was careful to adorn the doctrines of Christ, by the purity of his life; the lowliness of his heart, as well as the gentleness of his manners, gave a powerful influence to his example. He has exchanged the silver crown of old age for the golden one of immortal youth. X

The Managers take great pleasure, in stating their entire confidence in the Matron, Mrs. Hope; nothing can be more admirable than the order, neatness and economy of the establishment under her charge.

By reference to our Treasurer's report, a financial statement will be found.

Our out-door department provides for the gratuitous and skilful medical attendance at their own homes, of all such as apply for the charitable aid of the

X The. Rev. D. Kay

Institution, but who may be rejected, for reasons which control its management. We ask a benignant Providence, still to smile upon us; to the public and our friends "Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little."

ELIZA A. SCHMIDT,
First Directress.

SARAH B. NEVIUS,
Secretary.

April 15*th.* 1858.

At a Meeting of the Medical Officers of the New-York Asylum for Lying-in-Women, January 28th, 1858.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.—Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to remove from us, by death, our dear friend and associate, Doctor Francis Upton Johnston, late member of the Consulting Board of Physicians to this Asylum:—therefore, be it

Resolved—That in the death of Doctor Johnston, we have cause to mourn, no less, the loss of a cherished and valued friend, a man endeared to us, by every noble and generous quality of our nature, than of a physician whose great sagacity, sound judgment, and enlarged experience, entitled him to our highest respect and reliance, in all professional matters of grave moment.

Resolved.—That the Secretary of the Board be directed to communicate a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, to the family of the deceased, with the assurance of the heartfelt sympathies of the Board, in the great bereavement they have sustained.

JOHN T. METCALFE, M. D. *Secretary,*

Marion Street, January 28*th*, 1858.

Resident Physician's Report.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New-York Lying-in Asylum.

The following is a statement of the cases that have come under the care of the Resident Physician, during the past Asylum year (April 8th, 1858, 12 M.) together with the result to mothers and children.

Number of Confinements in the Asylum, - - -	129
Number of Children born in the Asylum, - - -	130

Of the Children born in the house, there were

Males, - -	67
Females, - -	63
Total, - -	130

The condition of Children at birth was

Living & Healthy,	117
" Unhealthy,	3
" Deformed,	4
Dead, - -	6
Total, - -	130

The condition of Mothers on leaving the Asylum was

In good health, -	116
" feeble health,	3
Died in house, -	1
	120
Remaining in the house and doing well	6
" " " under treatment,	3
	129

Summary of Cases,

Attended by Resident Physician in the Asylum, - -	129
" " District Physician, at their homes, -	494
Total Receiving the benefit of the Asylum, -	623

Just before the time for presenting the Annual Report, the previous healthy condition of the institution was interrupted by the invasion of Puerperal Fever. The first case occurred March 30th, and proved fatal in a few days. About the same time three other patients showed decided symptoms of the disease. Means designed to arrest in its incipiency and to guard against contagion were promptly taken. By recommendation of the Board of Consulting Physicians an arrangement was made by which the attendance on cases of fever was to be reserved for the Resident Physician, and another physician provided for cases of confinement. Accordingly the Resident Physician retired for a time from the ordinary duties of the Asylum, and Dr. Wilson, one of the District Physicians took charge of obstetric cases as they occurred. This was the condition of the institution at the time for the Annual Meeting (2nd Thursday in April,) of the Managers, and the closing of the account for the Asylum year. It may be proper here to state, although it is necessarily anticipatory of next year's report, that the three cases here recorded as under treatment ultimately recovered, and that four new cases afterwards appeared; one of these proved fatal, and the rest were restored to health.

At this crisis the Managers very prudently closed the Asylum to in-door patients, in order that the epidemic might be stayed, and the house purified and put in order for a new set of patients. The inmates who had not yet been confined, were boarded out and attended by the District Physicians. Hoping that the means used will preserve the wards from disease and continue the usefulness of the Asylum, it is recommended that the Institution be re-opened early in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. B. W. McLEOD, *Res't. Physisian.*

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH ANN COIT, TREASURER.

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By Balance from old account,		1,342 45
" Subscriptions,		659
" Interest,		670
" Donations,		354
		3,025 45
DR.		
To Coal,	$247 56	
" Provisions,	538 67	
" Gas and Soap,	140 47	
" Salaries and Wages,	399	
" Furniture and Repairs,	250 37	
" Groceries,	493	
" Flour,	210 83	
" Printing,	34 53	
To Fire Insurance and Croton Tax,	38 50	2,352 93
Balance on hand,		$672 52

ANN COIT, *Treasurer.*

E. E.

NEW YORK APRIL, 15, 1858.

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"	Rev. S. Bayliss,	" do	3 00
"	Mrs. Frances A. De Wint,	" do	3 00
"	" Sturges,	" do	4 00
"	" Charlotte Shipman,	" do	1 00
"	A Lady,	" do	2 50
"	Mrs. Huggins,	" do	2 00
"	" Jno. I. Crane,	" do	5 00
"	Dr. Vail,	" Miss Hope,	2 00
"	Mrs. Powers,	" " do	1 00
"	" H. E. Griffen,	" " do	4 00
"	" B. P. Griffen,	" " do	2 00
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CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of six Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons honorary members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected a Manager, or entitled to vote at the annual election for a Board of managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Thursday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been Six Months in the Country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without her special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of the Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws, without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion-street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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THIRTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with no ordinary feelings of grateful acknowledgment to a merciful Providence, that the Managers of the New-York Lying-In Asylum present their Report for the closing year.

The usual Anniversary Meeting did not take place last year, owing to the presence of Puerperal Fever, (then epidemic in New York,) and the depressing influence and fatal termination of two cases. The consequent closing of the Asylum and precautionary measures adopted, are known to all. With God's blessing, the disease was arrested, and since the re-opening of the house we have but one death to record, and that a case attended by peculiar circumstances.

The patients, as a class, have been worthy—in many cases of very interesting character. Seventy-eight married women have been confined, eighty children born, and a large proportion of the women have obtained places as wet nurses.

The affairs of the Institution were never more prosperous, as the financial statement of the Treasurer will abundantly attest, and the sojourn of some weeks at the Asylum of a lady-missionary, with a view of

preparing herself for efficiency in case of need, for the benefit of female friends in India, shows that its influences for good have not been confined to its own limits merely. A late occurrence, by which a child born in this house has inherited property of some value, (the date of its birth and identity being duly verified by our records,) demonstrates the importance of extreme accuracy in the recording of these facts, and will cheer the labors of the committee at present busied in the accurate compilation of our registers for some years past.

To our worthy physician, Dr. McLeod, now about to retire, we offer a sincere tribute of regard and thanks for his untiring attentions and ever-willing exercise of professional skill.

Dr. Wilson, his newly-elected successor, has commended himself to us by earnest care and attention, especially during the trying fever period of 1858.

To the attending physicians also, are the thanks of the Managers due, for the valuable advice and assistance, ever so readily afforded in extreme cases.

Under the supervision of our experienced Matron, Mrs. Hope, the establishment is conducted with due regard to economy, and is remarkable for neatness and systematic arrangements. Nor can we close without an expression of regard and thanks to our retiring Secretary, Mrs. Nevius, whose resignation, after a ten-year's service, distinguished alike by courtesy and efficiency, we are compelled to accept.

In conclusion, let us remind our friends and the

public, that "Blessed be the man that provideth for the poor and needy, the Lord will provide for him in time of trouble."

ELIZA A. SCHMIDT,
First Directress.

MARY H. JOHNSTON,
Secretary.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New-York Lying-in Asylum.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred during the Asylum year ending May the 12th, 1859.

Number of Confinements in the Asylum, - -	78
Number of Children born in the Asylum, - - -	80
Of the Children born, there were	
Males, - - -	44
Females, - -	36
Total, - -	80

Condition of Children at birth:

Living and Healthy,	71
Unhealthy,	2
Deformed,	1
Dead, -	6
	80

Condition of Mothers:

Left the Asylum in good health,	69
Insane,	1
Dead,	3
Remaining under treatment,	2
" and doing well,	3
Total, -	78

Summary of Cases :

Confined in the House, - - - - - -	78
Attended by the District Physicians at their homes,	445
Total, - - - - - -	523

Of the whole number receiving the benefit of this Charity, since its foundation there were

Attended in the Asylum, - - - - -	2,577
" by the District Physicians at their homes,	9,174
Total, - - - -	11,751

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH ANN COIT, TREASURER.

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By Balance from old account,		672 52
" Interest,		935
" Subscriptions,		646
" Donations,		384 50
		2,638 02
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To Coal,	$244 50	
" Provisions,	465 04	
" Gas and Soap,	123 10	
" Salaries and Wages,	573	
" Furniture and Repairs,	175 23	
" Groceries,	299 21	
" Flour,	82 28	
" Printing,	31 71	
To Fire Insurance and Croton Tax,	38 45	
" Medicines,	59 90	2.092 42
Balance on hand,		$545 60

ANN COIT, *Treasurer.*

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Kennedy, R. L.	5
Kectham, Morris,	5
Miss. Knox	5
Mrs. Kingman	5
Kneland C. Jr.	5
Kortright	3
Keershedt, A.	3

Mrs. Lawrence D. L.	$3
Le Roy, C.	3
Levett, R.	3
Lorrilard	3
Lawrence George	3
Lamar B. G.	5
Le Roy L. W.	3
Lord D. D.	3
Loeschigk	5
Langdon W.	3
Livingston Camb.	5
Livingston J. R.	3
Le Barbier	3
Lane Josiah	3
Lentilhon A.	3
Le Roy Jacob	3
Loder Benj.	5
Miss. Lenox	5
Lenox H.	5
Mrs. Laight Wm.	5
LaFarge J.	5
Lane David	3
Lowerry John	5
Lamson Charles	5
Lane G W.	3
Little E. B.	3
Lametta	5
Le Roy Robert	10
Le Boutillier	3
Mr. Lawrence Benj.	3
Lawrence James	3
Mrs. Leigh B. W.	3
Levy,	5
Lawrence, Joseph B.	3
Livingston, R. E.	3
Leavett, H. M.	3
Lee	3
Luqueer	3
Lawrence, T. W.	3
Law D. E.	3
Lindsley E. C.	3
McGinsey	3
Mr. Marshall C. H.	10
Mrs. Maitland Wm.	5
McEvers B.	5
Murray R. I,	3
Mooney	3
Maitland Robt.	5
Myers	3
Myers I. K.	3
McCready Thos.	3
Marsh James	3
Miss Murray Mary	3
Mrs. Morris Dr. R. L.	3
Mason, T.	3
Mr. Morris Wm. L.	3
Murphy John	3
Mitchell S.	3
Mortimer John jr.	5
Mortimer John H.	3
Maynard M.	3
M'Bride	3
Mrs. Minor Dr.	3
Morris Robert	5
Moore Jared L.	5
Meyer Rev.	3
Murray Robt,	3
Munson Marie	3
McMullen	3
Messenger T.	3
Morford Chas. A.	5
McNeille	3
Meyer Henry	5
Merril, John L	3
Morgan, Homer	5
Mitchel, Joseph,	5

Mrs. Mygalt, George,	$3
McCurdy	3
March	5
Manning, A. C.	5
Nathan Benjamin	3
Nelson John	3
Neilson A. B.	3
Norrie A.	5
Nevius J. R.	3
Nathan Menden	3
Oothout John	3
Ogden S. Cornell	3
Olyphant G.	3
Oothout, Wm.	5
Odell, Isaac	3
Mr. Phelps Anson G.	100
Palmer Cortland	3
Mrs. Phyfe Duncan	3
Post Alfred	5
Post, L. I.	3
Patterson	3
Pillot	3
Post Waldron	5
Pierrepont B. H.	3
Park J. M.	3
Parish Daniel	3
Parmentier,	5
Parkin W. H.	3
Mr. Piellon, John,	3
Potter, Howard,	3
Pell, Caroli ne,	3
Perkins W. L.	3
Poiney, Mad'e.	5
Potter Edwd. E.	3
Piersall A. T.	3
Rev. Mr. Quinn	3
Mrs. Roosevelt J. J.	5
Robinson J. P.	5
Rogers John	5
Redmond Wm.	5
Remsen Daniel	3
Reed Ezra C.	3
Riggs E.	5
Routh, H.	5
Ruggles S B.	5
Reed Geo. W.	5
Root W. M.	3
Raymond, Gustave,	5
Randolph,	5
Randle,	5
Robbins, L. C,	3
Roberts, S. P.	5
Richards, Edgar H.	5
Russel Chas. H.	10
Smiler,	3
Spencer, George G.	3
Stevenson, E.	3
Shaw, J. S.	3
Schermerhorn P. A.	5
Schmidt J. W.	10
Stuyvesant N.	3
Strong Geo. W.	3
Sheaf	3
Sheaf J. F.	5
Stuyvesant P. G.	3
Stuart Kinlock	3
Smith E. J.	3
Satterlee Geo.	3
Sheppard Chas. A.	3
Swift John A.	5
Spencer C.	10
Sabine Dr.	5
Suydam R. D.	5
Smith Charles D.	5
Smith Gamaleil	5
Smith James E.	3

Mrs.	Sullivan Nathan	$5
	Stilwell S. M.	5
	Shell Robert	3
	Strong Charles	3
Rev.	Starr Wm.	5
	Spencer, Wm. A.	10
	Spencer, L. C.	10
Mr.	Sherman C.	3
Mrs.	Sweet M. A.	3
	Skidmore W.	3
	Stone R. C.	3
	Smedberg	3
	Stebbings Henry G.	5
	Shiff	5
	Skiddy	3
	Swan L. B. jr.	3
	Sumner G. W.	3
	Swanton C.	3
	Stimson	3
	Steiner Eliza	3
	Seton A. L.	3
	Sherman Catharine	3
Miss	Skidmore L. A. H.	3
Mr.	Skidmore Jeremiah	3
Mrs.	Smith Thomas	3
	Saltus Francis	3
	Stoddard C. H.	5
	Strong George B.	3
	Simmons J. H.	5
	Schaunberg T. G.	3
	Shafard, H. A.	3
	Shaw, Henry,	5
	Spencer, Lorrilard,	5
	Sturges,	5
	Shilding, T. H.	3
	Sheldon, R. W.	5
	Smith, Thos. U.	5
	Smith, Wm. H.	3
Mrs.	Scrymser	$5
	Symington, Jas.	5
	Sparks, Henry	5
	Snow, Robt. H.	3
	Sharp, Benj.	3
	Smith A. Z.	3
	Schermerhorn A.	5
	Symington Jas.	5
	Stewart Chas,	3
	Strachan A. W.	5
	Townsend Isaac	3
	Talbot C. N.	5
	Treadwell, J. P.	3
	Taylor Rev. T. H.	3
	Tredwell Seabury	5
	Tooker, John	3
	Tyng Rev. S.	5
	Tripler Archibald	5
	Treadwell S.	3
	Trask A. G.	3
	Tilden,	3
	Tuckerman, Lucuis,	5
	Todd, N. G.	3
	Taylor, D. A.	3
	Terwillinger,	3
	Talbot Teorge A.	2
	Tavala, Hendricks	3
	Thompson Jas. E.	5
	Thorp Geo.	5
	Van Schaick M.	3
	Van Otterloo,	5
	Del Vale	10
	Vankleeck H. W.	3
	Vanderpool F. S.	3
	Van Wyck C. R.	5
	Vose, Charlotte	3
	Watts Anna	5
	Walker Wm.	3
Mrs.	Wisner Wm. H.	$3
	Wotherspoon G.	3
	Willets S. Abel	5
	Woolsey Edward	5
	West William	3
	Winthrop Benj.	3
	Whitney,	3
	Willetts, R. R.	3
	Wilmerding W. F.	5
	Wood Wm.	3
	Weston,	4
Mrs.	West I. J.	3
	Wagstaff David C.	3
	White John L	5
	Wemple, C. G.	3
	Wolfe J. D.	10
	Whitney Francis H.	3
Mr.	Whitney M.	3
Mrs.	Wolf John	3
	Wenman	3
	Walters,	3
	Watson William,	3
	Wiley, Alexander,	3
	Willets, Samuel,	3
	Willets, F. R. R.	3
	Wright, Butler J.	3
	Wheelock, J. D.	3
	Wyckoff T. S.	5
	Wiggins Augustus	3
	Willets, C. W.	3
	Wardell, Joseph H.	3
Dr.	Ward T.	5
	Wagstaff, Alfred	3
	Watson, Eliza	3
Mrs.	Yates D. P.	3
	Yale	3
	Yule Cyrus.	3

DONATIONS.

2 Pieces of Print,

2 Pieces of Scarlet Flannel,

2 Pairs Blankets,

1 Piece of Colored Flannel from Messrs Halsted & Haines.

4 Pairs Sheets from Mrs. Suydam.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of six Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons honorary members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected a Manager, or entitled to vote at the annual election for a Board of managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Thursday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been Six Months in the Country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting,

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without her special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spiiits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of the Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws, without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion-street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1860.

Mrs. JOHN W. SCHMIDT,	First Directress,	63 Clinton Place,
T. MASON,	Second "	12 Second Street,
HENRY COIT,	Third "	28 Varick Street,
BACHE McEVERS,	Fourth "	Staten Island,
THOMAS A. EMMET,	Fifth "	24 University Place,
DR. COCK,	Sixth "	68 East 15th Street,
JAMES B. JOHNSTON,	Treasurer,	56 Tenth Street,
GEORGE J. CORNELL,	Secretary	56 West 17th Street.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Dr. Bliss, 54 West 17th Street,
O. J. Cammann, 14 West 14th St.
James Brooks, 339 5th Avenue,
J. R. Nevius, 7 West 19th Street,
G. J. Cornell, 56 West 17th Street,
Ogden Hoffman, 19 West 22d St.
Samuel Jaudon, Hell Gate,
Patterson, 63 Clinton Place,
Fred'k Jones, 90 East 27th Street,
G. W. Sumner, 22 West 29th Street,
Rob't S. Bullus, 10 Beach Street,
Colden, 28 Laight Street.
Thos. W. Clerke, 99 East 34th St.,
B. Watkins Leigh, 23 West 21st St.
John H. Mortimer, 16 Unversity Pl.
Henry Meyer, 41 West 17th Street,
Geo. Wotherspoon, 52 West 14th St.
E. B. Little, 20 Washington Place.
R. S. Buchanan, 16 West 25th St.
Geo. C. Satterlee, 9 West 19th St.
Geo. Norton Miller, 39 5th Av,

ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

John T. Metcalfe, M. D. E. L. Beadle, M. D. Geo. S. Elliot, Jr., M. D.

CONSULTING PHYSICIANS.

Isaac Wood, M. D. Thomas Cock, M. D.
J. C. Cheesman, M. D. John H. Borrowe, M. D.
Thomas F. Cock, M. D.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

Rezin B. Wilson, M. D.

DISTRICT PHYSICIANS.

Dr. Gilman, 5 East 13th Street,
" Barker, 70 Union Place,
" Aylett, Union Place Hotel,
" Gibson, 29 West 11th Street,
" Kent, 99 Spring Street,
" Donaghe, 102 4th Avenue,
" Swift, N. E. cor. 44th St & 6th Av.
" Harrison, 368 Broome Street,
" Hessler, 216 Spring Street
" Bell, 48 Third Street,
Dr. Budd, 143 East 13th Street,
" Lovejoy, 131 Franklin Street,
" Thomas, 3 West 14th Street,
" Hoffman, cor. 4th Av. & 36th Street,
" Smith, 645 7th Avenue,
" Thoms, 184 Cherry Street,
" Dana, 81 Franklin Street,
" Mudic, 89 Columbia Street,
" Elsberg, 111 West 15th Street,
" Kiernan, 196 East 21st Street.

THIRTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting to their Subscribers and the public, the thirty-seventh Annual Report of the affairs of the Lying-In Asylum, the Managers have the renewed satisfaction of assuring them of its continued prosperity and steady usefulness. During the past year eighty-seven women have availed themselves of the charity, of whose respectability abundant proof was afforded to the Visiting Committee.

Of these, a large proportion obtained places as wet nurses, conveying to the families who sought them, an assurance of health and moral character only to be appreciated by such as have had occasion for similar services.

The general health of the Institution has been good; our resident physician, Dr. Wilson, has been equally skillful and devoted to his charge; while to the consulting physicians the Managers tender their thanks for the advice and assistance ever so cheerfully afforded.

The affairs of the household remain under the energetic and intelligent supervision of Mrs. Hope, who combines with economy, admirable system and excellent judgment.

The out-door department is of essential importance to such as are unable to pay for good medical advice, and remaining at their own homes, leave their address at the Asylum, and receive gratuitous attendance. The number of such patients is three hundred and twenty-five.

The Treasurer's report will show how great an impulse our financial affairs have received from the bequest of the late Seth Grosvenor. We beg our friends, nevertheless, not to withhold the kind support so long encouraging to our society, since should the proposed plan of removing the Asylum to a healthier neighborhood, be carried into effect, the Managers will necessarily call into play all their resources to meet the consequent expenses.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Coit, is about to withdraw from her post of trust; we offer her an unfeigned tribute of regard, and the sincere thanks of the Board for her valuable services extending over a period of twenty years.

We close, commending our Institution to the public, satisfied that within the widely spread limits of New York liberality, there is no charity more deserv-

ing of encouragement, and none less obtrusive in presenting its claims.

May the blessings of the Father of the friendless rest upon its benefactors.

E. A. SCHMIDT,
First Directress.

C. C. CORNELL,
Secretary.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the Lying-in Asylum.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred during the Asylum year, ending April the 25th, 1860.

Number of Confinements in the House, - - -	87
Number of Children born in the House, - - -	90

Of the Children born there were

Males, - - -	49
Females, - - -	41
Total, - - -	90

Condition of Children at birth :

Living and Healthy, - -	81
Unhealthy, - -	4
Dead, - - -	5
Total, -	90

Condition of Mothers :

Left the Asylum in good health,	81
Feeble Health,	2
Remaining under treatment,	4
Remaining not Confined - -	3

Summary of Cases:

Confined in the Asylum, - -	87
Attended by the District Physicians at their homes, - - -	325
Total, - -	412

Of the whole number receiving the benefit of this Institution since its foundation there were

Attended in the House, - - - - - - -	2,664
Attended by the District Physicians at their homes,	9,499
Total, - - - - - -	12,163

Respectfully submitted

R. B. WILSON, M,D.

Resident Physician.

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH ANN COIT, TREASURER.

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By Balance from old account,	.....	$545 60
" Legacy from the late S. Grosvenor,	.....	10000 00
" Donations,	.....	486 00
" Interest,	.....	794 89
" Subscriptions,	.....	345 00
		12171 49
DR.		
To Coal,	$192 25	
" Provisions,	481 57	
" Gas and Soap,	121 68	
" Salaries and Wages,	470 50	
" Furniture and Repairs,	130 76	
" Groceries,	452 16	
" Flour,	157 83	
" Printing,	28 75	
" Fire Insurance and Croton Tax,	28 00	
" Medicines,	18 20	
" Two United States Treasury Noses, 5½ ℔ ct.	2,000 00	
" Seven Brooklyn Water Loan Bonds, 6's @ 101	7,070 00	
		11151 70
Balance on hand,	.....	$1019 79

ANN COIT, *Treasurer.*

E. E.

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NEW YORK, APRIL 25th, 1860.

ANN COIT, *Treasurer.*

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January, 1860.

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3 Pieces of Canton Flannel,

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8 Dozen Colored Spool Cotton,

29 Pairs of Black Cotton Hose.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Art. i. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

Art. ii. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. iii. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. iv. The Managers shall appoint a Board of six Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. v. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. vi. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. vii. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. viii. Each contributor of twenty five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. ix. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons honorary members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected a Manager, or entitled to vote at the annual election for a Board of managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been Six Months in the Country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting,

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without her special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of the Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws, without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday ihthe month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should tuat day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion-street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Managers of the Lying-In Asylum, have the pleasure of reporting to their friends and the public that the Institution under their care has continued during the past year to dispense its benefits in the most satisfactory manner. An even larger number of respectable women than were last year admitted have here found shelter and received medical aid and kind nursing at the time when their need was most pressing. The whole number who have been housed since our last report, is one hundred and eleven. From among this number we have been able to supply to a large extent the demand for healthy and well-conducted wet nurses in private families, a feature of our Institution of such wide importance that we think it deserving of special notice. Beside the above, three hundred and twenty-six cases have been attended at the houses of those who were unable to pay for medical aid.

Our resident Physician, Dr. Wilson, fully sustains the high character for skill and efficiency attributed to him in our previous Report, and every year increases our appreciation of the services of Mrs. Hope, than whom no more admirable person could be desired to fill the important post of Matron of such an establishment.

The contemplated change of locality has not yet been carried into effect, but the design is not relinquished, and we feel assured that when funds are needed for such an emergency, our old subscribers are to be depended upon and that new friends may be raised up to help us. We feel that we have abundant cause of gratitude for our continued prosperity, and cheerfully renew our efforts, trusting for success in Him who has promised to "maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor."

ELIZA SCHMIDT,

First Directress.

C. C. CORNELL,

Secretary.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New York Lying-In Asylum :—

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred during the Asylum year ending April 17th, 1861.

Number of confinements in the house, - - - - -	95
Number of children born, - - - - - - - -	97

Of the children, there were

Males, - -	51
Females, - -	46
Total, -	97

Condition of children at birth :

Living and Healthy,	92
Unhealthy,	2
Dead	3
	97

Condition of Mothers :

Left the Asylum in good health,	86
feeble health,	2
dead, -	1
Remaining under treatment and doing well, - -	6
Remaining not confined, -	7
	102

Summary of Cases:

Confined in the Asylum, - - - - - -	95
Attended by the District Physicians at their homes,	326
Total, - - - - -	421

Summary of the whole number receiving the benefit of this Institution since its foundation:—there were

Attended in the house, - - - - - - -	2,758
Attended by the District Physicians at their houses,	9,825
	12,583

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. WILSON, M. D.,

Resident Physician.

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH M H. JOHNSTON, TREASURER.

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" Bequest of Samuel M. Thompson, on acc't		283 81
" $2 000 5½ per cent Treasury Notes, matured with interest		2,110 00
" Donations,		492 50
" Interest,		1,071 25
" Subscriptions,		329 00
		$5,306 35
DR.		
To Coal,	$237 25	
" Provisions,	374 49	
" Groceries,	418 54	
" Flour,	146 86	
" Medicines,	15 24	
" Furniture and Repairs,	111 68	
" Printing,	33 00	
" Fire Insurance and Croton Tax,	32 90	
" Gas and Soap,	101 77	
" Salaries and Wages,	526 00	
	$1,997 73	
" $2,000 Hudson River R. R. 2d Mortgage Bonds at 96½ ℘ cent	1,930 00	
		$3,927 73
Balance on hand,		$1,378 62

MARY H. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

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	Mitchel, Joseph,	5
	Morgan, Homer	5
	McCurdy	3
	March, John	5
	McCormick, John H.	3
	Moke, George,	5
	Maxwell L.	5
	Murray, John B.	5
	Miller, G. Norton,	5
Rev.	McCarthy, Patrick,	3
Mrs.	Nelson John	3
	Nevius J. R.	3
	Norrie Adam	5
	Norrie Gordon	3
	Olyphant D.	3
	Oothout, Wm.	5
	Odell, Isaac	3
Mrs	Patterson	$3
	Pierrepont B. H.	3
	Post, L. T.	3
	Palmer Cortland	3
	Parkin W.	3
Mr.	Piellon, John,	3
Mrs.	Potter, Howard,	3
	Potter E. T.	3
	Pell, Alfred	10
	Pell, Caroline,	3
	Perkins W. L.	3
	Pearsall A. T.	3
	Peck Charles	3
Mad.	Poirier	3
Mrs.	Peters, T. W.	3
	Pirrson, F. M.	5
Rev.	Mr. Quinn, Wm.	3
Mrs.	Routh, H. de B.	5
	Reed Geo. W.	5
	Raymond Gustave,	5
	Randolph,	5
	Randle,	5
	Robbins, L. C	3
	Roberts, S. P.	5
	Richards, Edgar H.	5
	Russel Chas. H.	10
	Riley, T. W.	3
	Ross D L.	3
	Reid Almot	3
	Rogers M.	3
Capt.	Robinson Henry	3
Mrs.	Ray, Robert	10
	Roosevelt, J. J.	5
	Spencer, George G.	3
	Stevenson, E.	3
	Schermerhorn P. A.	5
	Schmidt J. W.	10
	Sheaf	3
	Sheaf J. F.	5
	Smith Gamaliel	5
	Stilwell S. M.	5
	Strong, Chas. E.	3
	Spencer, Wm. A.	10
	Spencer, L. C.	10
Mr.	Sherman C.	3
Mrs.	Stebbins Henry G	5
	Skiddy	3
	Sumner G. W.	3
Mrs.	Seton Alfred L.	$3
	Spoffard, A. H.	3
	Spencer Lorillard	5
	Sheldon, R. W.	5
	Smith, Thos. H.	3
	Symington, Jas.	5
	Sparks, Henry	5
	Snow, Robt. H.	3
	Sharp, Benj.	3
	Smith A. F.	3
	Schermerhorn A.	5
	Stewart Chas. A.	3
	Strachan A. W.	5
	Starr Walter S.	5
	Suckley J. H.	5
	Satterlee, Geo. C.	5
	Satterlee, Geo. B.	3
Mr.	Satterlee, Geo. C.	3
Mrs.	Sturges, J. T.	5
	Schmidt, Leopold	3
	Talbot C. N.	5
Rev.	Taylor T. H.	3
Rev.	Tyng S.	5
Mrs.	Todd, J. G.	3
	Tavala, Hendricks	3
	Thorp Geo.	5
	Townsend Ch. A.	3
	Thorne, L. A.	5
	Trask, C. H.	3
	Trask, A. G.	3
	Van der Heydt	5
	Watts Anna	5
	Walker Wm.	3
	Wisner Wm. H.	3
	Wotherspoon G.	3
	Wood Wm.	3
	Wolfe J. D.	10
	Wolf John	3
	Walters,	3
	Wright, J. Butler	3
	Wyckoff T. S.	5
	Wardell, Joseph H.	3
	Ward Dr. T.	5
	Wagstaff, Alfred	5
	White, Mathew	5
	Wilson, Edwin	3
	Worsham, D. W.	5
	White, H. E.	5

DONATIONS.

January 1861.—From Halsted, Haines & Co.

1 piece of Flannel.

1 piece of colored Canton Flannel.

1 piece of Towelling.

2 pieces Chally de Laine.

February, 1861.—From Mr. Tabb, Broadway.

A bronze bed-room set.

Donations since Annual Report, April 25th, 1860.

From Mrs. R. B. Minturn,	By Mrs. Coit,		$25 00
" " W. J. Bunker,	" "	"	25 00
" Mr. Lenox,	" "	Mortimer,	100 00
" " John T. Johnston,	" "	Jaudon,	50 00
" Mrs. R. L. Stuart,	" "	Nevius,	10 00
" Mr. J. G. Tracy,	" "	James B. Johnston,	5 00
" " James B. Johnston,	" "	" "	25 00
" " James Egbert,	" "	" "	3 00
" Mrs. Joseph Ogden,	" "	Wotherspoon,	3 00
" " J. W. Harper. Jr.	" "	Hope,	30 00
" " Howard Potter,	" "	"	20 00
" Mr. P. S. Forbes,	" "	"	20 00
" Mrs. A. Henderson,	" "	"	15 00
" " J. W. Maitland,	" "	"	10 00
" " Jayme Riera,	" "	"	10 00
" " J. P. Roberts,	" "	"	5 00
" " John W. McCormick,	" "	"	3 00
" " P. Henderson,	" "	"	1 00
" " Geo. Strong,	" "	"	3 00
" " James Lee,	" "	"	3 00
" " W. Remsen,	" "	"	5 00
" " Edwin Post,	" "	"	4 00
" " Horace Green,	" "	"	2 00
" " J. H. Stebbins,	" "	"	5 00
" " Gulian Hook,	" "	"	5 00
" " James Ranken,	" "	"	2 00
" Dr. J. S. Banks,	" "	"	5 00
" Mrs. Howard Sealy,	" "	"	3 00
" " Abel Bennett,	" "	"	5 00
" " Marcellus Hartley,	" "	"	5 00
" Madame Doubet,	" "	"	3 00
" Mrs. S. B. Carey,	" "	"	5 00
" " L. B. Provost,	" "	"	2 00
" " John C. Hamersley,	" "	"	5 00
" " A. O. Moore,	" "	"	1 00
" " John J. Serrell,	" "	"	5 00
" " G. Lane,	" "	"	3 00
" " J. P. Grinnell,	" "	"	3 00
" " C. S. Tiffany,	" "	"	5 00
" " Voorhis,	" "	"	1 00
" " J. L. Merrill,	" "	"	3 00
" " T. Buckley,	" "	"	3 00
" " W. W. Shumway,	" "	"	2 00
" " Richard Rundle,	" "	"	5 00
" " Thomas Galway,	" "	"	5 00
" " D. H. Conkling,	" "	"	5 00
" Mr. A. G. Gray,	" "	"	5 00
" " J. E. Bartlett,	" "	"	2 50
" Mrs. Allen McLean,	" "	"	5 00
" " O. Oddie,	" "	"	2 00
" " Edward Bissell,	" "	"	3 00
" " Schwarts,	" "	"	2 00
" " D. A. Taylor,	" "	"	2 50
" " J. M. Lawrence,	" "	"	2 50
" " Gibert Palmer,	" "	"	5 00
			$492 50

MARY H. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

April 17th, 1861.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of six Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons honorary members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected a Manager, or entitled to vote at the annual election for a Board of managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been Six Months in the Country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting,

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without her special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of the Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By Laws, without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion-street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1862.

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T. MASON,	SELOND "	12 Second Street.
HENRY COIT,	THIRD "	28 Varick Street.
BACHE McEVERS,	FOURTH "	Staten Island.
THOMAS A. EMMET,	FIFTH "	Astoria.
DR. COCK,	SIXTH "	68 East 15th Street.
JAMES B. JOHNSTON,	TREASURER,	56 East 10th Street.
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MANAGERS.

Mrs. O. J. CAMMANN, 14 West 14th Street.
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THOMAS COCK, M. D.
JOHN H. BORROWE, M. D.
THOMAS F. COCK, M. D.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

REZIN B. WILSON, M. D.

DISTRICT PHYSICIANS.

Dr. GILMAN, 5 East 13th Street.
" BARKER, 70 Union Square.
" GIBSON, 29 West 11th Street.
" DONAGHE, 102 4th Avenue.
" FOSTER SWIFT, 108 East 12th Street,
" HARRISON, 368 Broome Street.
" HESSLER, 279 Spring Street.
" BUDD, 9 West 18th Street.
" THOMAS, 3 West 14th Street.
Dr. THOMS, 184 Cherry Street,
" DRAPER, 33 East 12th Street.
" TRENOR, 47 West 26th Street.
" THOMSON, 78 West 47th Street.
" POMROY, 102 Prince Street.
" McLEOD, 87 West 20th Street.
" NEALIS, 156 Grand Street.
" BELDON, 265 East Broadway.
" SWIFT, N. E. cor. 44th St. and 6th Ave.

THIRTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting their Thirty-Ninth Annual Report, the Managers of the New-York Lying-In Asylum would express their deep sense of gratitude to Providence for continued care and prosperity.

In a year of such unparalleled public excitement, when disaster and vicissitude have seemed the order of the day, the affairs of this Institution have moved quietly on in their accustomed train. The general health of the inmates has been excellent—only two deaths having occurred during the past year. One hundred and thirty-two women, whose marriage and respectable character have been certified to, have received admission; one hundred and twenty-one have been confined, and found places as wet-nurses in private families. Among the number it has been our privilege to shelter some of the wives of our brave volunteers, whose hearts it might cheer to know that those they love are kindly cared for, and helped in their time of suffering, while they are absent in the

service of their country. Beside the above, five hundred and forty cases have been attended at their homes by our District Physicians. We still retain the valuable services of Dr. Rezin B. Wilson as Resident Physician.

Among the constantly increasing and varied claims made upon the public sympathy, it is to be hoped that our peculiar charity—unobtrusive from its very nature—will continue to preserve its place in the interest of its old friends, and be supplied with the means of continued usefulness. The experience of a long term of years has proved its necessity in a community like ours, and has given system and efficiency to its practical working. Under the care of a most kind and faithful matron, Mrs. Hope, a degree of comfort is secured to the inmates seldom equalled in an institution of the kind, and with so large a measure of success in the past, we look hopefully forward to the future of our Asylum.

ELIZA A. SCHMIDT,

First Directress.

Caroline C. Cornell,

Secretary.

April 10*th*, 1862.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Ladies, of the Board of Managers of the New-York Lying-In Asylum:—

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred during the Asylum year, ending April 18th, 1862:

Number of confinements in the house, - - - -	121
" of children born " " - - - -	124

Of the children born in the house, there were

Males, - - - -	57
Females, - - -	67
Total, - - -	124

Condition of children at birth—

Living and Healthy, -	112
" " Feeble, - -	4
Dead, -	8
Total, - - -	124

Number of women received in the Asylum during the year, - - - -	132
Number remaining at the end of last year, -	7
Total, - - - - - -	139

Number confined left in good health, - -	110
" " " feeble health, -	2
dead, - - -	2
" " remaining, - -	7
" left before confinement, - - -	11
" remaining not confined, - -	7
Total, - - - - - -	139

Summary of cases confined in the house, - - -	121
Attended by the District Physician at their homes, - -	540
Total, - - - - - - - - - -	661

Summary of the whole number receiving the benefit of this Institution since its foundation:—

There were attended in the house, - - -	2,879
Attended by the District Physicians at their homes,	10,365
Total, - - - - - - - - -	13,244

Of the two women that died in the Asylum, the first died twenty days after confinement; she had extensive disease of the lungs. Her labor was tedious and difficult, from which she never reacted. The second died on the third day from ruptured tetarus.

The number receiving the benefit of the Asylum has largely increased over that of any other year since my relation with the Institution, owing to the great number of females left friendless and unprotected, by the great drain of men, called by the government to the defence and preservation of the Union; a large majority of whom are the wives of our brave and patriotic volunteers, who are now fighting the battles of their country.

Respectfully submitted,

REZIN B. WILSON, M. D.

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN,

In account with MARY H. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

CR.		
By Balance from old account	.....	$1,378 62
" Donations	.....	357 05
" Subscriptions	.....	356 00
" Interest	.....	1,080 00
		$3,171 67
DR.		
To Wages and Salaries	$512 00	
" Groceries	495 95	
" Provisions	292 65	
" Milk, Soap, Wood, Furniture, Repairs, &c., &c.	309 85	
" Coal	210 00	
" Flour	140 41	
" Medicines	19 49	
" Printing and Advertising	35 75	
" Gas	69 50	
" Fire Insurance and Croton Tax	29 25	
" Cleaning House	59 00	
		$2,173 85
April 10, 1862.		
By Balance on hand	.....	$ 997 82

MARY H. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

E. E.

NEW-YORK, 10TH APRIL, 1862.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Benefactors by Contributing Fifty Dollars and upwards.

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Bowne Walter
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CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballott, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year–but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers

ART. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates,

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art, xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons honorary members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate ; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society ; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she sball be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secertary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER. VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board,

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V The report of special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports,

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of tweuty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion -street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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Fortieth Annual Report.

The Fortieth Annual Report of the New-York Asylum for Lying-In Women, is presented by the Managers at the usual Anniversary season with no *new* features of interest to attract the attention of the public, for its quiet and regular workings continue undisturbed, but is offered to its friends and the public, in evidence of what has been accomplished during the past year, and a reminder that the help generously afforded hitherto, will be needed to carry out their future efforts.

There have been admitted to the privileges of the Institution since our last report, eighty-two women, seventy-two have been confined. Thirty-four have left, on recovery, to fill the important situation of wet nurses, the Asylum being now understood to supply, in a very important degree, that want in the community. During their stay under our roof, the opportunity is very good to discover the actual qualifications of women for such a responsible post in the family, and persons applying here are, in a large measure, guarded against imposture and disappointment.

In the course of our history as a benevolent associa-

tion, we have, from time to time, had the reproach cast upon us of narrowness in the bestowal of our bounty; that our requirements for admission were too rigid, and excluded many pitiable cases. We think that a moment's candid reflection is alone required to show how unfounded is the accusation. The object of this Institution from the beginning, was clearly defined as the care of respectable married women, whom poverty had reduced to the necessity of seeking an asylum at the time of confinement, and it seems to us obvious that such a class should be kept separate from any less worthy. In order to do so we require proof of marriage, either in the form of written certificates, or the testimony of a credible witness. That the unfortunate outcasts, the most miserable and hopeless of humanity are none the less our sisters, and claim tender and pitying offices, we deeply feel, and rejoice that the city has made ample provision for their bodily wants in time of sickness, while many Good Samaritans have devoted their time and talents to the task of reclaiming and establishing them in the ways of virtue. This Institution, however, has its separate purposes, and would fail of those if the line were not drawn.

Beside the above-named patients, two hundred and eighty-six have been attended at their homes by the District Physicians.

In the death of Dr. John C. Cheesman, the Institution has lost a faithful friend, whose counsel could be always depended upon, and whose time and skill were ever at the service of the inmates, who could render

him in return only their gratitude. One of the first promoters of the undertaking, his interest in it and labors in its behalf, were continued until a short time preceding his death.

Dr. Wilson has resigned and Dr. Thos. B. Stirling has succeeded to the office of Resident Physician, and Mrs. Hope continues in her capacity of Matron, to deserve our warmest commendation.

We enter upon the duties of another year, convinced that we have been prospered in proportion to the faithfulness of our efforts, and trusting our cause to Him who judgeth of the intents and purposes of the heart.

ELIZA A. SCHMIDT,
First Directress.

Caroline C. Cornell,
Secretary.

April 15*th*, 1863.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women:—

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred at the Asylum during the twelve months, ending April 16th, 1863:

Number of confinements in the house, - - - - .	78
" of children born " " - - - - -	78

Of the children born in the house, there were

Males, - - - - -	46
Females, - - - - -	32
Total, - - - - -	78

The condition of these, at birth, was as follows:

Living and healthy, - -	70
" " feeble, - -	2
" dead, - -	6
Total, - - - - -	78

The number of women received into the Asylum during the year, - - - - - -	82
The number remaining at last report, - - -	7
Total, - - -	89

The number that left the Asylum in good health,	72
" " " " " feeble "	2
" " " left before confinement, - -	5
" " remaining, who have been confined,	4
" " " not yet confined, - -	6
" " of deaths, - - - - - -	0
Total, - - . - -	89

Summary of cases confined in the house, - - -	78
Attended by District Physicians, - - . - -	286
Total, - - - - - - - -	364

Summary of the whole number receiving the benefit of the Asylum since its foundation—

There were attended in the house, - -	2,957
Attended by District Physicians at their houses,	10,651
Total, - - - - - -	13,608

Whilst rejoicing, that, under the blessing of an all-merciful Providence, no case of death has occurred among the patients, during the past year, it would little become us to forget, that, in the board of Consulting Physicians, the same all-disposing Divine Power, has removed from the sphere of his earthly labors and associations, one of the oldest and most interested friends of the institution.

No man had reached a point of higher professional distinction, than the late Dr. J. C. Cheesman, and among you, as by the whole community, he was greatly esteemed for his large and generous nature, that made him not only universally known, as great and skillful, but loved and respected, as an earnest and tender friend, and a public benefactor, ever ready to extend a helping hand to all its charities.

With his decease, one other only is left of those large-hearted physicians, who so ably seconded, in the beginning, the initial efforts of the noble Christian women who founded and successfully inaugurated this useful charity.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.

Resident Physician.

April 15, 1863.

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN-WOMEN,

In account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, *Treasurer.*

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1862.	April 10.	By Balance,	.....	$997 82
1863.	April 10.	" Donations,	.....	336 50
		" Subscriptions,	.....	263 50
		" Interest,	.....	1265 54
				$2,863 36
		DR.		
		To Wages and Salaries,	$502 00	
		" Groceries,	493 83	
		" Provisions,	242 15	
		" Repairs,	233 63	
		" Coal,	225 75	
		" Flour,	170 99	
		" Wood, Soap, Milk, &c. &c.,	198 38	
		" Gas,	43 30	
		" House Cleaning,	59 00	
		" Croton Tax,	18 00	
		" Printing and Advertising,	29 25	
		" Medicines,	5 80	
				2,222 08
		By Balance on hand,	.....	$641 28

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Mrs. Livingston, Camb... 5
Lentilhon..... 3
La Farge, J..... 5
Lane, David..... 3
Little, E. B. 3
Leon, D. 3
Lametta 5
Leigh, B. Watkins.. 3
Lawrence, Joseph B. 3
Livingston, R. E.... 3
Leavett, H. M..... 3
Lee..... 3
Luqueer..... 3
Lawrence, T. W. ... 3
Law, D. E. C..... 3
Lindsley, C. E. 3
Lowery, John 5
Low, D. 3
Miss Lenox..... 5
Lenox, Helen..... 5
Mr. Lawrence, Benj. ... 5
Lawrence, James... 3
Mrs. Matthison, E. A..... 5
Mace, Thos..... 3
McEvers, B..... 5
Maitland, Lobert L.. 5
Myers, E. K..... 3
McCready, Thomas. 3
Mason, T..... 3
Mortimer, John Jr.. 5
Mortimer, John H.. 3
Meyer, Henry 5
Merril, John L..... 3
Mitchell,Joseph..... 5
Morgan, Homer 5
McCurdy 3
March, John..... 5
McCormick, John H. 3
Moke, George 5
Maxwell, L. 5
Murray, John B..... 5
Miller, G. Norton... 5
Melvain, R. C..... 5
Moore, W..... 3
Mills, Drake.... ... 3
Mackenzie, J. D.... 3
Maitland, J. W.... . 5
Moses, I..... 3
Miss Murray, Mary 3
Mr. Marshall, C. H. 10
Morford, Charles A.. 5
Rev. McCarthy, Patrick.. 3
Mrs. Nelson, John..... 3
Nevius, J. R..... 3
Norrie, Adam 5
Norrie, Gordon..... 3
Olyphant, D. 3

Mrs. Oothout, William.. 5
Odell, Isaac..... 3
Patterson..... 3
Pierpont, B. H..... 3
Post, L. T. 3
Palmer, Cortland .. 3
Parkin, W..... 3
Potter, Howard.... 3
Potter, E. T..... 3
Pell, Alfred.....10
Pell, Caroline..... 3
Perkins, W. L. 3
Pearsall, A. T..... 3
Peck, Charles,..... 3
Peters, T. W..... 3
Pirrson, F. M..... 5
Peters, J. M..... 5
Palmer, G. N..... 3
Mad. Poirier..... 3
Mr. Piellon. John..... 3
Rev. Mr. Quinn, Wm... 3
Mrs. Routh, H..... 5
Reed, George W... 5
Reid, Edgar... 10
Raymond, Gustave. 5
Randolph..... 5
Randle..... 5
Robbins, L. C. 3
Roberts, J. P..... 5
Richards, Edgar H. 5
Russell, Charles H.10
Riley, T. W..... 3
Ross, D. L..... 3
Reid, Almot..... 3
Rogers, M. 3
Ray, Robert 10
Roosevelt, J. J..... 5
Rogers, John L.... 3
Capt. Robinson, Henry.. 3
Mrs. Spencer, George G. 3
Stevenson, E..... 3
Schermerhorn, P.A. 5
Schmidt, J. W.....10
Sheaf..... 3
Sheat, J. P..... 5
Smith, Gamaliel... 5
Stilwell, S. M..... 5
Strong, Charles E.. 3
Spences, Wm. A...10
Spencer, L. C.....10
Stebbins, Henry G. 5
Skiddy 3
Sumner, G. W..... 3
Smedberg..... 3
Spofford, A. H.... 3
Sheldon, R. W..... 5
Spencer, Lorillard . 5

Mrs. Smith, Thomas H.... 3
Symington, Jas..... 5
Sparks, Henry..... 5
Snow, Robert H..... 3
Sharp, Benjamin..... 3
Smith, A. F..... 3
Schermerhorn, A..... 5
Stewart, Charles A... 3
Strachan, A. W..... 5
Starr, Walter S..... 5
Suckley, J. H..... 5
Satterlee, George C.. 5
Satterlee, George B.. 3
Sturges, J. T.. 5
Schmidt, Leopold.... 3
Smith, William H.... 3
Sampson, Jos.....20
Satterlee, Livingston 3
Stewart, Charles H... 3
Mr. Sherman, C.... 3
Satterlee, George C.,. 3
Mrs. Todd, J. G..... 3
Talbot, C. N..... 5
Tavala Hendricks.... 3
Thorp, George..... 5
Trotter, S. W..... 3
Townly, J. W..... 5
Tallmadge, Fred..... 3
Thorne, L. A..... 5
Trask, C. H..... 3
Thorne, Jonathan ... 5
Tiffany, G. P..... 2
Rev. Taylor, T. H..... 3
Tyng, S..... 5
Mrs. Van der Heydt..... 5
Van Buren, Abraham 5
Vallance, W. H..... 5
Watts, Anna..... 5
Walker, William,.... 3
Wisner, William H.. 3
Wortherspoon, G.... 3
Wortherspoon, D....10
Wood, William..... 3
Wolfe, J. D.....10
Wolf, John..... 3
Walters..... 3
Wright, J. Butler.... 5
Wyckoff, T. S..... 5
Wardell, Joseph H... 3
Ward, Dr. T. 5
Wagstaff, Alfred..... 5
White, Matthew..... 5
Wilson, Edwin 3
Worsham, D. W. 5
White, H. E..... 5
Whiting, A..... 5

DONATIONS SINCE APRIL 10, 1862.

From	Mrs.	J. Ogden,	By Mrs.	Wotherspoon,	$3 00
"	Mr.	George Wotherspoon,	"	"	5 00
"	"	Moses,	"	Hope,	2 00
"	"	W. W. Shumway,	"	"	2 00
"	"	Jas. Egbert,	"	Nevius,	3 00
"	"	L. Rosenfeld, Jr.	"	Hope,	5 00
"	Mrs.	J. W. Mott,	"	"	3 00
"	"	George Sloan,	"	"	2 00
"	"	Bunker, (storage,)	"	Coit,	25 00
"	"	Geo. A. Elliot,	"	Hope,	4 00
"	Mr.	G. V. Hecker,	"	"	3 00
"	Mrs.	H. L. Van Wycke,	"	"	5 00
"	Mr.	Ross,	"	"	2 00
"	"	A. W. Suydam	"	"	5 00
"	"	Glover,	"	"	2 50
"	Mrs.	G. H. Le Mist,	"	"	5 00
"	"	M. W. Cutter,	"	"	5 00
"	"	F. B. Cutting,	"	Cutting,	5 00
"	"	Thos. P. Grinnell,	"	Hope	5 00
"	"	Symington,	"	"	5 00
"	Mr.	Jas. Lenox,	"	Mortimer,	100 00
"	"	J. Taylor Johnston	"	Jaudon,	50 00
"	Mrs.	W. D. Hatch,	"	Hope	5 00
"	"	John H. Aspinwall	"	" (Life Member,)	25 00
"	"	J. H. Stebbins,	"	"	5 00
"	Mr.	Alfred Rae,	"	"	2 00
"	Mrs.	S. J. Hallet,	"	"	1 00
"	"	Puffer,	"	"	2 00
"	"	William Adams,	"	"	3 00
"	"	Sanxey,	"	"	2 00
"	"	Wm. H. Lee,	"	"	5 00
"	Mr.	Joseph Bicknell,	"	"	5 00
"	"	Henry C. Timm,	"	"	5 00
"	Mrs.	Bartow,	"	"	2 00
"	"	R. W. Montgomery,	"	"	20 00
"	Mr.	Samuel Colgate	"	"	5 00
"	Mrs.	Jas. Callender,	"	"	3 00
					$336 50

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Art. i. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

Art. ii. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skillful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. iii. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballott, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. iv. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. v. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. vi. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. vii. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. viii. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. ix. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

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CHAPTER I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients recieved or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. Tee report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

I. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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BACHE McEVERS,.....*Third* " .....Staten Island.
THOMAS A. EMMET,.....*Fourth* " .....Astoria.
THOMAS COCK,.... .....*Fifth* " .....68 East 15th Street.
JAMES BROOKS,.....*Sixth* " ....339 5th Avenue,
J. R. NEVIUS..... .....*Treasurer*,..... . ..... 7 West 19th Street.
GEORGE J. CORNELL,..... ..*Secretary*,.....56 West 17th Street.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. SAMUEL JAUDON, Hell Gate,
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HONORARY MANAGERS.

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T. B. STIRLING, M. D.

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Dr. BARKER, 75 Madison Avenue
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WEISSE 28 West 15th Street,
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HESSLER, 279 Spring Street,
VAN NEST, 442 4th Street,
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Forty-First Annual Report.

The Mangers of the New York Lying-In Asylum have cause for extreme gratitude, while presenting the Forty-First Annual Report, in being able to assure their friends and the public, of the continued prosperity of the Institution under their charge.

During the past year, one hundred and twenty-nine women have been admitted; one hundred and thirteen entered; ninety-five confined; fifty-four have found places as wet nurses. Of these, a large proportion were wives of soldiers, and we have felt it a great privilege in this way to render back some small part of the debt we owe to those who are bravely risking their lives for our country's welfare. Under God's blessing, and the care of our excellent Physician, Dr. Stirling, and ever-efficient Matron, Mrs. Hope, no death has occurred since our last Report.

When a system of dispensing charity has passed through its season of first effort and experiment, and slipped into the grooves of regular systematic work, and has established its success by substantial proofs; its report can vary but little from year to year. One

thing, however, must be well understood, that we rely upon our old friends to supply the oil, without which the best adjusted machinery would fail to work. The greatly advanced cost of living falls heavily upon us, and makes our expenses greater in proportion to the size of our household than they have ever been before, while on the other hand our receipts have rather fallen off than increased. We, therefore, urge the benevolent not to forget, among the many new charities which have sprung up, and are more clamorous in their appeals, the one which has quietly and faithfully been accomplishing its work for so many years.

E. A. SCHMIDT,

First Directress.

C. C. CORNELL,

Secretary.

April 20th, 1864.

REPORT

OF THE

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New York Asylum for Lying-In Women.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred at the Asylum during the twelve months, ending April 21st, 1864:

Number of confinements in the house,		95
" of children born " "		96
Of the children born in the house, there were		
Males,	54	
Females,	41	
Total,	95	

The condition of these children, at birth, was as follows:

Living and healthy,	88
" " feeble,	3
" " diseased,	1
" " with malformation,	1
Dead,	3
Total,	96

The number received into the house during the year,	113
" " remaining at last report, . . .	10
Total, ...	123
The number that left the Asylum in good health,	95
" " " " " " in feeble "	0
" " " " before confinement, . .	13
" " remaining to be confined, . .	8
" " " who have been confined,	7
" " of deaths, ...	0
Total, ...	123

Summary of cases in the house, ...	95
" " attended by District Physicians, . .	250
Total, ...	345

Summary of the whole number confined in the Asylum, from its foundation—

There were attended in the house, ...	3,052
" " " by District Physicians, . .	10,901
Total, ...	13,953

REMARKS.

It will not fail to be noticed, on examining the foregoing tables, that the sanitary condition of the Asylum during the past year, has been all that could be hoped for: None of the patients have suffered from any of the diseases peculiar to the puerperal state. No cases have transpired where instrumental interference was deemed necessary. No deaths have occurred amongst the mothers, and only one amongst the children; that from congenital disease, specific in character. The case of mal-

formation, was one of a rare variety; the health of the mother and of the child in other respects being good. No disease of any kind showed itself amongst the other children, and fifty-four of the ninety mothers were engaged as wet nurses, after a careful examination by eminent practitioners. This proportion being limited only by the inclinations of the mothers themselves.

This good result has been mostly due to the vigilant and most intelligent care bestowed by the Matron, upon the sanitary condition of the house; and above all, to the proper regulation of the personal habits of the women, after they enter, and to the quieting effects upon the minds of the patients, of an assured asylum during this critical period. Their health invariably improves during the short period, which it is desirable, they should be in waiting, before confinement. Those who enter immediately before, or in actual labor, which sometimes happens, have invariably more severe labors, and a more protracted convalescence.

All of which is most respectfully submitted, by your most obedient servant,

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.,

Resident Physician.

85 Marion Street,

20*th April*, 1864.

The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women,

In account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

	Cr.		
1863. April 10.	By Balance,	.....	641.28
1864.	" Donations,	.....	486.00
	" Subscriptions,	565.04	
	Less paid Collector,	26.00	
			539.04
	" Interest $1,262.71 less income tax,	18.30	1,244.41
			2,910.73
	Dr.		
	To Salaries and Wages,	499.00	
	" Groceries and Flour,	775.17	
	" Provisions,	328.37	
	" Coal and Wood,	326.63	
	" Milk, Soap, &c., &c., &c	263.93	
	" Repairs,	79.17	
	" Printing and Advertising,	36.55	
	" Gas,	44.25	
	" Croton Water and Fire Insurance,	29.25	
	" Medicines,	25.30	
	" House Cleaning,	66.00	
			2,473.67
	Balance on hand,	.....	$437.06

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Mrs. J. Ogden,	"	"	2.00
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" Gordon,	"	"	4.00
" H. F. Blake,	"	"	5.00
" J. W. Motte,	"	"	5.00
" Moore,	"	"	1.00
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" J. B. Varnum, Jr.	"	"	5.00
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" J. Boorman Johnston,	"	" Johnston,	25.00
" Wm. Talbors,	"	" Hope,	5.00
Mrs. Wm. Wyse,	"	" "	3 00
" Henry Swift,	"	" "	5.00
" N. L. McCready,	"	" "	10.00
" C. S. White,	"	" "	3.00
" T. O. Ottenheimer,	"	" "	10.00
" Everett Clapp,	"	" Morford,	5.00
Messrs. Halsted, Haines & Co.	"	" Cornell,	25.00
			$486.00

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Art. i. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

Art. ii. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. iii. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. iv. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. v. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. vi. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. vii. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. viii. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. ix. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. x. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. xi. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. xii. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. xiii. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. xiv. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. xv. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. xvi. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. xvii. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. xviii. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are, or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. xix. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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Forty-Second Annual Report.

The Managers of the New-York Lying-In Asylum make their forty-second annual appeal to the notice of their friends and subscribers, and beg to present them with the following statistics.

During the past year there have been admitted to the privileges of the Institution ninety-one respectable married women, A large proportion of these were the wives or widows of soldiers—a class who have peculiar claims on our care and sympathy.

Eighty-two have been confined, of whom twenty-seven left on recovery to become wet-nurses in private families.

Three hundred and thirty-two have been attended at their homes by the District Physicians. No death has occurred among the inmates since our last Report; a fact worthy of grateful acknowledgment to the Father of all Mercies.

Our band of fellow-workers has not remained unbroken. Soon after our last Anniversary Meeting we

were called to deplore the loss of our esteemed Manager, Mrs. Helen Patterson, who was endeared to us all by her many virtues, and whose punctual attendance on her duties in this place is sensibly missed.

The retiring nature of this Charity prevents its obtaining that general notice from the public which would afford an opportunity of comparing its condition with that of other benevolent Institutions. We confidently challenge such a comparison, and we feel that thanks are due to our excellent Matron, Mrs. Hope, for conscientiously carrying out our plans, and by her personal exertions, preserving the long-established reputation of the Asylum for order and neatness.

Our weekly visiting committees faithfully perform their duties and furnish a guaranty that admissions are properly made and the affairs of the Asylum kept under constant supervision.

We are fortunate in retaining the valuable services of Dr. T. B. Stirling.

For many years past the Rev. Dr. Burchard has regularly officiated at our Anniversary Meetings. We take this opportunity of acknowledging the kind interest he has so long shown in our Institution, and the admirable manner in which his voluntary duties have been performed.

In this age of progress it may not be a recommendation to allude to our *venerable* standing among the private charities of the city. We prefer, however, to believe that forty-two years of useful labor entitle us

to the regard and respect of the community. In that time a large proportion of our earlier subscribers have passed away, and we hope that the gaps may be filled by newer but not less earnest friends.

All house-keepers will understand how the increased cost of living must affect our expenditures, and we ask that our hands may be strengthened to perform the work thus rendered more difficult for us.

To the same Providential care which has hitherto guarded our Institution, and blessed our efforts, we intrust its interests for the ensuing year.

E. A. SCHMIDT,

First Directress.

C. C. CORNELL,

Secretary.

April 26th, 1865.

REPORT

OF THE

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New York Asylum for Lying-In Women.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred at the Asylum during the twelve months, ending April 25th, 1865:

Number of confinements in the house,	82
" of children born " "	84

Of the children born in the house, there were of

Males,	34
Females,	50
Total,	84

The condition of these children, at birth, was as follows:

Living and healthy,	70
" " feeble,	10
" " diseased,	0
" " with malformation	2
Still-born	2
Total,	84

The number received into the house during the year,	91
" " remaining at last report, ...	8
Total, ...	99

The number that left the Asylum in good health,	76
" " " " " " in feeble health,	3
" " " " " " before confinement,	12
" " remaining to be confined, . .	5
" " " who have been confined, .	3
" " of deaths among the women, . .	0
" " " " " children, . .	4

Summary of cases in the house, ...	82
" " attended by District Physicians . .	332
Total cases attended, ...	414

Summary of the whole number confined in the Asylum, from its foundation—

There were attended in the house, ...	3,134
" " " by District Physicians, . .	11,234
Total, ...	14,368

REMARKS.

It will again afford the Managers pleasure to remark the favorable results, presented in the Medical Report, of the practical working of their Institution. Now for three years in succession, no death has occurred in the Asylum among the women, who have sought its shelter. This exemption is noticeable in view of the fact, that during the past year, two conta-

gious and dangerous diseases have prevailed to an alarming extent in the neighborhood, and in immediate contact with the house. In Jersey street alone—extending from Crosby to Mulberry street—about 50 cases of Typhoid Fever were reported by the Medical Inspectors of the Citizen's Association; and also many cases of Small-Pox.

In the house only one case of Typhoid occurred. In this, the fever showed itself simultaneusly with the usual indications of approaching labor; and within forty-eight hours after admission to the Asylum. The proper hygienic measures being promptly taken, no unfavorable results followed, and the patient left the Asylum entirely recovered. *One* other case gave us some uneasiness for a time, which had been in contact with the former, and exhibited suspicious symptoms, which finally resolved themselves into those of Bright's disease. This formed *one* of the *three* which left the house in feeble health. The other two were of inherent feeble constitution, and suffering from no malady peculiar to the puerperal state.

Four of the children died in the house. *One* from an inability to take nourishment of any kind, on account of an unusually aggravated variety of the common congenital deformity—Hare-lip. Two of these malformations occurred. The three other children that died belonged to the class—Feeble at birth. Cause of death in all, was connected with the circulatory system. It has been remarked that an unusual number of the children were asphyxiated at birth, and were saved only by the most prompt and vigorous use of the ordinary means of resuscitation. In most of these the labors were natural, and rather quick than protracted; the children and mothers doing well afterwards.

Instrumental delivery was affected in only one instance, after a labor of sixty-three hours. The child died in eleven hours after birth from the same cause—it having been resuscitated after delivery.

It gives me great pleasure to add, that in my opinion nothing has conspired to this favorable general result so much as the

vigilant and most intelligent care bestowed by the Matron on the sanitary condition of the house, and in regulating the personal habits of the women, and in kind, skilful nursing during the period of convalescence.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by your most obedient servant.

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.,

Resident Physician.

85 Marion street,

26*th April*, 1865.

The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women,

In account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

1864.	Cr.		
April.	By Balance,	$437.06	
	" Donations,	620.00	
	" Subscriptions 551 less paid Collector 10.20	540.80	
	" Interest $1,511.77 less income tax $27.80	1.483.97	
	" Final pay't from Executors of S. Thompson's Estate	196.36	
	" Proceeds 20 Shares Bank of Kentucky Stock,	2.135.25	
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	Dr.		
	To Wages and Salaries	587.50	
	" Groceries	894.43	
	" Flour	248.86	
	" Provisions	488.15	
	" Coal	410.00	
	" Milk, Wood, Soap, &c., &c	360.60	
	" Repairs	238.75	
	" Medicines	80.89	
	" Gas	51.41	
	" Printing, Advertising, Stationery, &c	41.75	
	" Croton Water and Fire Insurance	29.25	
	" House Cleaning	35.00	
			3,466.59
	Balance due New York Lying-in Asylum		$1,947.85

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Evans, W.....5
Elmendorf, J. A.....3
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Gawtry, Wm. M.....5
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Hoffman, L. M.....3
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March, John..... .5
McCormick, John H..3
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Maxwell, L..... .5
Murray, John B 5
Miller, G. Norton.....5
Melvain, R. C.....5

Mrs Moore, W.....$3
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Maitland, J. W.....5
Moses, I.....3
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Miss Murray, Mary.....3
Mr. Marshall, C. H.....10
Morford, Charles A...5
Morris, Wm. Lewis...5
Rev. McCarthy, Patrick....3
Mrs. Nelson, John..... ...3
Nevius, J. R..... ..3
Norrie, Gordon.....3
Olyphant, D.....3
Odell, Isaac.....3
Pierpoint, B. H.....3
Post, L. T 3
Palmer, Cortland 3
Parkin, W.....3
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Peters, J. M..... ...5
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Phelps, Geo. A. 5
Proybn, E..... 3
Mad. Poirier..... ...3
Mr. Piellon, John.....3
Mrs. Potts, Geo. H.... 5
Rev. Mr. Quinn, Wm.....5
Mrs. Roth, H 5
Reed, George W.....5
Raymond, Gustave...5
Randolph.....5
Rundle, Richard.....10
Robbins, L. C.....3
Roberts, J. P... 5
Riley, T. W.....3
Ross, D. L.....3
Reid, Almot.....3
Rogers, M.....3
Rodgers, John L.....3
Reid, Edgar.....10
Robbins, G. A.....3
Capt. Robinson, Henry.....3
Mrs. Rapallo, Chars.....3
Robinson, Beverly....5
Spencer, George G....3
Stephenson, E.....3
Schermerhorn, P. A..5
Schmidt, J. W 10
Sheaf, J. F.....5
Smith, Gamaliel.....5
Stilwell, S. M.....5
Strong, Charles E....3
Spences, Wm. A. ...10
Stebbins, Henry G....5
Skiddy..... ...3
Sumner, G. W.....3
Smedberg.....3
Spofford, A. H..... 3
Sheldon, R. W.....5

Mrs. Spencer, Lorillard....5
Smith, Thomas H.....3
Smythington, Jas....5
Sparks, Henry.....5
Snow, Robert H.. ...3
Sharp, Benjamin.....3
Smith, A. F.....3
Schermerhorn, A.....5
Stewart, Charles A....3
Starr, Walter S..... 5
Suckley, J. H.....5
Satterlee, George C...5
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Sturges, J. T 5
Schmidt, Leopold....3
Smith, William H ...3
Sampson, Jos.....5
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Stephens, Geo. S ...3
Southwith, A. P. 3
Sullivan, N.....5
Sloan, Geo 2
Mr. Sherman, C.....3
Saterlee, George C ...3
Mrs. Stewart, Chas.....3
Sheldon, Henry I.....5
Todd, J. G.....3
Talbot, C. N.....5
Tavala, Hendricks....3
Thorp, George.....5
Trotter, S. W... 3
Townly, J. W.....5
Tallmadge, Fred.....3
Thorne, L. A.....5
Trask, C. H.....3
Thorne, Jonathan....5
Tiffany, G. P.....2
Tiffany, Lyman... ...5
Rev. Taylor, T. H.....3
Tyng, S.....5
Mrs. Thomas, T. G..... ...5
Vander Heydt.....5
Van Buren, Abraham.5
Vallance, W. H.....5
Van Nostraud.....10
Watts, Anna... 5
Walker, William.....3
Wisner, William H...3
Wotherspoon, G.....5
Wotherspoon, D.....3
Wood, William.....3
Wolfe, J. D.....10
Wolf, John 3
Walters..... 3
Wright, J. Butler.....5
Wycoff, T. S 5
Wardell, Joseph H....3
Ward, Dr. T.....5
White, Matthew... . 5
Wilson, Edwin.....3
Worsham, D. W.....5
White, H. E.....5
Whiting, A.....5
Willard, Gardiner,....5
Weeks, John A.....5
Wotherspoon, Geo. Jr.3
Zabriskie, C. A 5

DONATIONS.

From April 20th, 1864, to April 18th, 1865.

Mr. George Wotherspoon,	By	Mrs. Wotherspoon,	$20.00
Mrs. Joseph Ogden,	"	"	2.00
S. B. Strange,	"	Mrs. Hope,	3.00
Mr. N. D. Sampson,	"	"	5.00
Mrs. Howard Potter, (Life member,)	"	"	25.00
M. Herzog, "	"	"	5.00
Mr. Isaac P. Smith, "	"	"	5.00
Mrs. T. A. Emmet, "	"	Mrs. Emmet,	2.00
Mr. James Egbert, "	"	Mrs. Nevius,	3.00
Arthur B. Johnson,	"	Mrs. Hope,	5.00
Mrs. B. N. Huntington,	"	"	10.00
S. S. Osborne,	"	"	10.00
W. Voorhis,	"	"	10.00
Dr. Arango,	"	"	5.00
Mrs. Alexander Munn,	"	"	5.00
Wm. A. Fowler,	"	"	10.00
Leavitt Hunt,	"	"	2.00
C. J. Post	"	"	5.00
H. S. Dwinell,e	"	"	2.00
A. M. Del Valle,	"	"	25.00
J. A. S. Argudin of Havana,	"	"	25.00
Doubet,	"	"	10.00
R. Davis,	"	"	5.00
Thos. Wallace,	"	"	3.00
Mr. J. Taylor Johnston,	"	Mrs. Jaudon,	50.00
Mrs. A. Oakey Hall, (Life member,)	"	Mrs. Hall,	25.00
B. A. Huntington,	"	Mrs. Hope,	5.00
James McCall, (Life member,)	"	Mrs. Burchard,	25.00
James Lorimer Graham, "	"	"	25.00
Drake Mills, "	"	Mrs. Hope,	25.00
Choate	"	"	5.00
Chas. A. White,	"	"	5.00
Donation,	"	"	5.00
J. M. Singer,	"	"	5.00
A Gentleman,	"	Mrs. Emmet,	5.00
Mr. G. A. Phelps,	"	Mrs. Phelps,	10.00
Wm. Adams, executor (storage,)	"	Mrs. Nevius,	50.00
Donation	"	Mrs. Hope,	3.00
Mrs. James G. King, Jr	"	"	5.00
A. Foot,	"	"	5.00
Mr. Augustus F. Smith,	"	Mrs. Cornell,	50.00
Mrs. J. Edger,	"	Mrs. Hope,	5.00
John W. Hamersley,	"	"	5.00
Mr. Peter Gilsey,	"	"	5.00
Mrs. Morrell,	"	Mrs. Nevius,	5.00
Mr. J. W. Bunker, storage 1864–65,	"	"	75.00
N. Wheeler,	"	Mrs. Hope,	10.00
Mrs. J, W. Harper, Jr	"	"	5.00
Board of Inmate,	"	"	5.00
			$620.00

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilfnl medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their iufluence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers; or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTRR V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties.

IX, They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER. VIII.

Matron.

I The managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are Carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No patient shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X

Order of Business.

I After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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Forty-Third Annual Report.

The usual season for presenting the Report of the New-York Asylum for Lying-In Women has arrived and the Managers again ask that the claims of their Institution may be remembered.

It would seem that an Institution doing its work of mercy for nearly half a century in this city would have taken such strong hold on the sympathies of the benevolent and become so widely known as to command all the means it requires in order to carry out its objects, and we have indeed great reason for gratitude in reviewing our past, to remember that our wants have always been met, and our necessities supplied. The interest we have inspired, however, has been within quite a limited sphere, and our friends, belonging chiefly to the older residents of the city, though "faithful" are becoming "few."

We cannot call the attention of the public in any very clamorous way to our Charity, or seek to raise funds by the attractions of ball, concert, or fair, for its very nature renders it retiring, and therefore when the outflow of expenditure, due to the enormous cost of living presses upon our household, we feel some anxiety as to its future means of supply.

It is not in a doubting spirit, however, that we would come before our friends. When we reflect upon the mercy that has spared our Asylun for so many years from the visitation of disease—how many hundreds of poor women have been safely helped through their perilous ordeal, and that we have never lost a case through the unfaithfulness or want of skill of physician or nurse, it is on our blessings that we should rather dwell. We ask all who have acquainted themselves with the objects for which we labor—viz., that of offering a refuge to respectable married women, who, when their time of trial comes, have no comfortable homes to shelter or kind friends to watch over them, to help us by adding new subscribers to our list or securing donations for our treasury.

One feature of usefulness which should not be overlooked is the supplying of wet-nurses from among our inmates, after their residence in the Institution has given us such knowledge of their character and healthy condition as to enable us to recommend them to private families.

The number of women sheltered during the past year has been One Hundred and ten. Ninety-four have been confined, and Forty-two have found places as wet-nurses.

Dr. Stirling still continues to render his valuable services, and Mrs. Hope remains at her post as active, efficient and trust-worthy as ever.

E. A. SCHMIDT,

First Directress.

C. C. Cornell,

Secretary.

April 18*th.* 1866.

REPORT

OF THE

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New York Asylum for Liying-In Women.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred at the Asylum during the twelve months, ending April 25th, 1866:

Number of confinements in the house, ...	94
" of children born " "	94

Of the children in the house, there were of

Males, ...	56
Females, ...	38
Total, ...	94

The condition of these children, at birth, was as follows:

Living and healthy, ...	83
" " feeble, ...	4
" " diseased, . . .	0
" " with malformation, .	1
Still-born, ...	5
Total, ...	94

The number received into the house during the year,	110
" " remaining at last report, . . .	8
Total, ...	118

The number that left the Asylum in good health, .	97
" " " " " " in feeble health, .	0
" " " " " " before confinement, .	4
" " remaining to be confined, . . .	12
" " " who have been confined, .	5
" " of deaths among the women, . . .	1
" " " " " children, . .	2

Summary of cases in the house, ...	94
" " attended by District Physicians, .	324
Total cases attended, ...	418

Summary of the whole number confined in the Asylum, from its foundation--

There were attended in the house, ...	3,228
" " " by District Physicians, .	11,558
Total, ...	14,776

REMARKS.

In passing in review the facts presented in the Medical Report, the Managers will observe that the same good fortune has attended the Institution. Now for four successive years, no death has occurred amongst the patients during the progress of labor, or after confinement. There has been only one case of serious illness, incidental to the puerperal state. This was the case of a patient who was suddenly attacked by a violent head-

ache, which passed rapidly into a convulsion, that lasted fourteen hours, and finally proved fatal, becoming at last apoplectic. This, however, occurred before any of the indications of approaching labor had shown themselves. Examination showed albumenuria in the highest degree, the small quantity of fluid obtained being nearly two-thirds albumen.

This case was in every way a sad one, and forcibly illustrates the growing necessities of large and over-crowded cities like New York, for Lying-In Asylums. For here the homes of the poor are very much restricted, and this, with their narrowed circumstances, and the isolation that naturally exists, from the fact of their being for the most part of foreign birth, and strangers to each other in feeling at least, seem to make it impossible for them to render to each other, the neighborly and humane assistance that they doubtless would readily afford, under more favorable conditions.

This young and vigorous woman, married, in her first confinement, and manifestly of good character, seemed to have been deserted by every friend in the hour of her peril. No one connected with her could be found to take any heed in the disposal of her remains, or even to inquire into the circumstances attending her death. Surely nothing but the hardening influence of the direst poverty could account for this inhumanity.

Two cases of exceeding interest in a medical point of view have occurred: One, that of Helen Campbell, in which artificial premature labor was induced at the eighth month in the interest of the child, and successfully. She carried to her home in Michigan, a fine vigorous boy, whence she had come to enjoy the advantages of the Asylum. In this case it is proper to add that the children of two previous confinements had been lost by craniotomy by reason of deformity of the pelvis. This was her first living child.

In another case, by a somewhat disputed operation—namely, Version by external manipulation, the life of the child was undoubtedly saved from the dangers of podalic version. In three

preceding confinements, this patient had lost all the children by the latter operation.

These cases are properly the triumphs of modern obstetric science, and are mentioned here as an indication to the Managers—that when an opportunity offers, they have secured for those whom they essay to shelter and assist in their most trying exigencies, the most advanced and most efficient resources of science.

In two other instances, instrumental delivery was successfully applied. In one of these instances, after a painful labor of five days duration. In the cases of the two children reported as dying in the house, they belonged to the class "feeble at birth," and they died before the vital apparatus had got fairly in working order. In every instance, the health of the women, both before and after confinement, has been the object of careful solicitude and medication, and the children have always been vaccinated before leaving the Asylum, when their condition seemed to warrant it. Our experience shows this to be a very proper course.

Two years ago it was remarked, that an unusual number of mammary abscesses had occurred in the Institution. For two years we have been led to remark the nearly complete exemption of the Asylum from this plague of the lying-in chamber. Just at the close of this year, one has occurred and by all experience we may look for a succession. This is mentioned, as it may have some connection with the condition of the public health.

All of which is most respectfully submitted, by

Your most obedient servant,

T. B. STIRLING.

April 20th, 1866.

The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women,

In account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer,

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	" Donations	446.00	
	" Subscriptions, $448 less paid Collector 8.88	439.12	
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Mr. James Egbert,	"	"	3.00
Mrs. D. W. Wheeler,	"	Mrs. Hope,	5.00
Benedict,	"	"	5.00
R, Wilson,	"	"	5.00
S. Salgar,	"	"	5.00
E. C. Hill,	"	"	5.00
George Whitemore,	"	"	10.00
A. C. Graham,	"	"	10.00
M. Wise,	"	"	5.00
Watson J. Hildreth,	"	"	10.00
C. Buel,	"	"	5.00
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E. L. Baron Zimony	"	"	5.00
Joseph McDonnell,	"	"	5.00
S. S. Ward,	"	Mrs. Phelps,	10.00
John S. Ward,	"	"	3.00
F. Woodruff,	"	Mrs. Hope,	10.00
Mr. Union Adams,	"	"	10.00
J. B. Cornell,	"	"	5.00
Donations,	"	"	33.00
Mr. Edward, Finley,	"	"	5.00
Mrs. N. H. Beach,	"	"	3.00
Mr. Wm. Adams, executor, (storage)	"	Mrs. Wotherspoon,	50.00
Mrs. Joseph Tuckerman, (Life member)	"	Mrs. Cornell,	25.00
Thompson,	"	Mrs. Hope,	5.00
Wm. H. Wagner,	"	"	5.00
Geo. W. Kissam, M. D.,	"	"	5.00
Mrs. John Murray,	"	"	5.00
Chas. P. Leverich, (Life member)	"	"	25 00
D. P. Sellar,	"	"	10.00
Greenbaume,	"	"	5.00
J. Frazer,	"	"	5.00
Common Council, for assessment, &c.			600.00
Broker's Board of N. Y. Stock Exchange,			500.00
			$1,546.00

Donation of Infant's Clothing, Mrs. Fellow, from

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Manager shall appoint a Board of Superintending snd Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one, time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion, discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct, in the discharge of there several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients, are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum, once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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GEORGE WOTHERSPOON	SECOND "	Staten Island.
BACHE McEVERS	THIRD "	Staten Island.
THOMAS A. EMMET,	FOURTH "	332 Lexington Avenue.
THOMAS COCK,	FIFTH "	62 East 15th Street.
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J. R. NEVIUS,	TREASURER,	43 West 28th Street.
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RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

T. B. STIRLING, M. D.

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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

On entering upon this their Forty-Fourth Anniversary, the Managers of the New-York Lying In Asylum, present to its friends and subscribers their annual record of the previous year.

It has been to them a season of much financial anxiety; and while under these depressing circumstances they gratefully acknowledge their blessings, and especially remember the generosity of those who have so kindly aided them, they hope for a still wider manifestation of sympathy and interest.

They confidently rely upon this, as a gratifying proof that the claims of the Institution are acknowledged and its usefulness appreciated.

The nature of this Charity, and the efficiency of its management, are well understood. In reviewing the numerous charities of the city, it seems fitting to dwell upon the peculiar beneficence of this, accomplishing as it does a mission not reached by any other.

The furnishing of wet-nurses has become an important feature of the Institution, and it is more and more relied upon for that difficult and ever-increasing want.

The Managers are pained to acknowledge that they have been obliged to dispose of a portion of their assets, in order to meet the current expenses of the establishment.

They must remind their friends that its prosperity will now be greatly dependent upon their generosity; and to the public, they appeal for a more cordial and earnest support.

In their necessity the past season, the Managers felt compelled to apply to the Board of Councilmen for an appropriation, hoping to receive a little of the large sums they are accustomed annually to dispense to other objects.

Regretting the temporary loss of their First Directress, Mrs. Schmidt, the Managers congratulate themselves on having her place so acceptably filled during her absence in Europe by Mrs. Emmet, who kindly occupies the position.

They record with pleasure, an acceptable donation of infant's Clothing from Mrs. Ed. Burckardt, and Mrs. Wotherspoon, also a Carpet from Mrs. T. F. Cock.

During the year, one hundred and twenty-six women have been admitted, one hundred and fourteen entered, one hundred and four confined; forty of these having found places as nurses.

The Matron, Mrs. Hope, by her wise and judicious superintendence, and untiring energy, continues to secure the comfort of those under her charge, and Dr. Stirling's valuable services merit the grateful appreciation of all connected with the Asylum.

E. A. SCHMIDT,

First Directress.

W. F. Foster,

Secretary, pro tem.

REPORT

OF THE

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New York Asylum for Liying-In Women.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred at the Asylum during the twelve months, ending April 17th, 1867.

Number of confinements in the house	104
" of children born " "	104

Of the children in the house, there were of

Males, ...	59
Females, ...	45
Total.	104

The condition of these children, at birth, was as follows:

Living and healthy, ...	88
" " feeble, ...	9
" " diseased, . . .	1
" " with malformation .	2
Still-born, ...	4
Total, ...	104

Children feeble at birth, ...	9
Of these there left the house,	
Living, ...	6
Died in the house, ...	3
Total	9

Causes of death in the children,

Pemphigus Infantilis,	1
Internal Hemorrhage,	1
Pharyngeal Abscesses,	1
Total,	3

The number of Women received into the house during the year,	109
" " of " remaining at last report	17
Total,	126
The number of Women who left the Asylum in good health after confinement,	102
The number of Women who left the Asylum in feeble health.	1
The number of Women who left the Asylum before confinement,	11
" " remaining to be confined,	5
" " " who have been confined,	5
" " of deaths among the women,	2
Total,	126

Causes of deaths amongst the Women:

Double Pneumonia,	1
Puerperal Fever,	1
Total,	2

Diseases occurring during the year:

Erysipelas,	1
Diarrhœa,	6
Epileptic Convulsions,	1
Persistent Emesis,	1
Post Partum Haemorrhage,	1

Obstetric Operations:

Forceps delivery successful to both,	4
Craniotomy,	1
Dr. Thomas's Operation, for prolapsed Cord, successful,	1
Summary of cases in the house,	104
" " attended by District Physicians,	269
Total cases attended,	373

Summary of the whole number confined in the Asylum, from its foundation—

There were attended in the house,	3,332
" " " by District Physicians,	11,827
Total,	15,159

REMARKS.

A close examination of these details will exhibit results, no less gratifying than has attended the operation of the Asylum in preceding years. Notwithstanding its location in the midst of a district, where epidemic Cholera prevailed during the last summer, no case of Cholera occurred amongst the inmates.

The number of still-births, one in twenty, is about the common average, and of the three deaths amongst the feeble children, two certainly, and one most probably, were from congenital diseases.

The case of death amongst the women from Typhoid fever, complicated with double pneumonia, was undoubtedly from poison received into the system before the reception of the patient into the house. For she came in, in labor, and the fever showed itself, in a well marked form, on the second day after delivery.

The most noticeable fact in the medical report is the appearance of a fatal case of puerperal fever, *the first in nine years*, and during that period, over nine hundred confinements have taken place in the Asylum. Few private practices in this city, can show so good a record.

Some considerations of general interest are connected with this case, and this must be my apology for introducing to your notice some of the details of its history.

Ann Schmidt Bittmer; a native of Germany, of florid complexion, full fleshy face and figure and apparently in the enjoyment of robust health, was received into the Asylum, March 15th, having been for two weeks immediately preceding, in Ward's Island Hospital, awaiting confinement with her first child.

She was confined here March 19th, four days after her entrance; the labor being easy and natural.

The child, diseased from birth, died on the 14th day of an eruptive disease, (Pemphigus Infantilis.)

The mother during labor, exhibited signs of much vascular excitement, the face becoming unusually red and the pulse very

rapid. On the 2nd day, she complained of pains in the limbs, and of a violent headache. The 3rd day she was better, and so continued to the 7th day, when she sat up. On this day she pointed out to the nurse, a red spot on her forehead over the right eye, which she remarked was called the "rose" in her country.

My attention was first called to this on the morning of the 8th day, and I recognized a severe case of erysipelas of the head and face, extending down the neck and shoulders. She was put under treatment and the disease pursuing the usual course, became so violent at one time as to give rise to apprehensions of a fatal termination. She recovered however, and left the Asylum April 12th, quite well.

On the appearance of the erysipelas all other patients in the same ward were removed from it, and all beds, bedding &c. used by them, were also removed and cleansed. The case was left to occupy the ward entirely alone during the remainder of her stay, all contact with other patients being prevented, as far as possible. Four other women, however, had slept in the same ward, before the disease was recognized. Of these, two had been confined, and two were awaiting confinement.

The first two, convalesced without any drawback, and left with their children in good health, and have continued so. The other two have not done well. One of them, Hannah Cleary, died on the 5th day after confinement, April 8th, of puerperal fever, of very malignant type, in all probability contracted from proximity to the case of erysipelas, before the latter disease was recognized.

Her labor was very quick; she complained much of after pains, which could not be allayed by the usual means, and on the 3rd day the trouble was recognized and treated as puerperal fever. The disease was very rapid in its course, and terminated in the death of the patient, on the 5th day after confinement.

The child also had died of internal hemorrhage, on the 2nd day of its birth.

The other woman, Catharine Boyd, who had slept in the same ward, had a very protracted and painful labor, caused by an unusual degree of nervous excitement. And finally it was deemed necessary to resort to instrumental delivery. The child is doing well, but the mother has excited lively apprehensions. Some manifestations of fever have occurred; but it is hoped this will not prove a second case of puerperal fever.

Close on the confinement of Ann Bitmer, four other confinements took place, in the cases of women who had not slept in the same ward with her, but who were exposed more or less, by proximity and contact of attendants, &c. to the poisoning erysipelas; three of these women, were the subjects of protracted obstetrical operations. Two of the four have shown some unfavorable symptoms, indicating the presence in their systems of more or less of the poison. Mrs. Hope, with her usual promptitude and intellegent activity, has caused a thorough purification of the wards, and of every thing in them, and every means will be used to insure the arrest of the mischief, so far as hygienic measures can accomplish that end.

This case illustrates no new principle in Medicine, but it affords I think an instructive lesson, of the necessity of maintaining by whatever means recent science and experience may suggest, that which has long been the leading excellence of the management of the house, its perfect sanitary condition.

Indeed it has always been a matter of surprise with me, how this has been so well accomplished, and so economically, in the absence in the house of all of the modern inventions and appliances, now to be found in most private residences.

Very Respectfully

Your most Ob't Serv't

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.

Resident Physician.

The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women,

In account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer,

1866.	**Cr.**		
April.	By Balance	$1.068.34	
	" Donations $1 099 50 Subscriptions 402	1.501.50	
	" Interest Received	1.111.80	
	" Proceeds Central Rail Road Bond	935.00	
			$4 616.64
	Dr.		
	To amount paid for Flour	331.33	
	" " " " Provisions	705.07	
	" " " " Groceries	978.56	
	" " " " Gas	61.17	
	" " " " Wages and Salaries	615.00	
	" " " " Coal	358.00	
	" " " " Milk, Wood, Soap, &c	357.18	
	" " " " Printing and Advertising	55.12	
	" " " " Croton Water and Insurance	43 00	
	" " " " Repairs	291.56	
	" " " " Dry Goods	39.10	
	" " " " Medicines	42.20	
	" " " " Cleaning House	96.00	
1867.	" " " " Safe Deposit by	17.05	
			$3,900.34
April 17	By Balance		$716.30

SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

E. E. New York, April 17, 1867.

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Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consistiug of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Manager shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by the unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board: the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, the By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager, at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles, and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct, in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relating to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding; whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients, are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relating to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in

the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have the general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants, must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wines or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron,. nor introduce any spirtuous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any person shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.
Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.
By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII
Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

Notice.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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Forty-Fifth Annual Report.

The Managers of the New-York Asylum for Lying-In Women again approach their friends and the Public with a statement of the affairs of the Institution, under their charge, during the last year.

In commemorating, this, the Forty-Fifth Anniversary of their history, they would acknowledge with gratitude the Providential care which has attended their course as a Society hitherto. The object which has united them and inspired their efforts, is one which cannot with propriety be expatiated upon in a public manner, but which claims the interest and aid of all who as sharers in a common humanity, would alleviate that form of suffering which is woman's greatest trial, and yet the source of her purest joy. At a time, when in the homes of the rich, every care which wealth can purchase and affection suggest, surrounds the expectant mother, we offer to those who

are looking forward to the same ordeal, in the midst of wretchedness and poverty, a safe and comfortable home, with the very best of nursing and medical attendance. For the first, we can depend on our long tried and invaluable Matron, Mrs Hope, and as Resident Physician, Dr. Stirling has for five years won our confidence by his skill and untiring watchfulness. The carefully prepared medical Report which accompanies this, renders any statement as to the sanitary condition of the Asylum, unnecessary in this place.

The number of Permits given during the year was eighty-five; sixty-three have entered; sixty have been confined and eighteen have found places as wetnurses. We would call attention to the fact that the supply of wet-nurses from the Asylum is a very important branch of its usefulness.

With regard to our financial affairs we have to regret that our list of subscribers has rather diminished than increased, owing chiefly to the death or absence from the country of many of those early friends, who so actively interested themselves in keeping our list filled, and that we have been obliged to appeal through the public press to those in arrears, in order to supply our treasury. We trust that we shall not again be driven to such a resource, but that our friends will convince themselves by personal investigation of the worthiness of the cause which we repre-

sent, and so be moved to use their influence in our favor, especially in the direction of obtaining new subscribers.

In answer to an appeal made to the Commissioner of Public Charities and Corrections we received the sum of one thousand dollars. The fact that ours is the only private Hospital of any description in the city, which requires no pay from the patients, gives us, we think, a special claim on the department charged with the bestowal of the City's charities, as we relieve a class who would otherwise come upon them. We have noticed among our applicants of late, a larger proportion of those who have been reduced from comfortable circumstances to want, owing to the present depressed state of business, and it is in such cases that the benefit of our Asylum, devoted to the care of respectable married women, makes itself especially manifest.

The bequest of one thousand dollars from the estate of Mr. Peter Lorillard, was most timely and acceptable, as were other donations acknowledged in the Treasurer's Report.

To our generous benefactors, Messrs. H. and C. Rose, without whose munificent donation of Ten thousand dollars we would hardly have been able to carry on the household, we would express our most

heartfelt thanks, feeling assured that they will not fail of the rewards promised to those, who thus faithfully fulfil their stewardship of God's bounties.

C. C. CORNELL,

Secretary.

REPORT

OF THE

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New York Asylum for Lying-In Women.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred at the Asylum during the twelve months, ending April 17th, 1868.

Number of confinements in the house	60
" of children born " "	62
Of the children in the house, there were of	
Males, ...	36
Females, ...	26
Total.	62

The condition of these children, at birth, was as follows:

Living and healthy, ...	55
" " feeble, ...	2
" " with malformation .	1
Still-born, ...	4
Total, ...	62

Of Children feeble at birth, and malformed, there Died in the house, ...	2
Of those healthy at birth, there died in the house.	1
Total of deaths in the children, ...	3

Causes of death in the children,		
Erysepelas, ...	1	
Peritonitis, ...	1	
Imperforate rectum	1	
Total, ...	3	
The number of Women received in to the house during the year, ...		63
" " of " remaining at last report .		10
Total, ...		73
The number of Women who left the Asylum in good health after confinement, ...		57
The number of Women who left the Asylum in feeble health.		0
The number of Women who left the Asylum before confinement, ...		4
" " remaining to be confined, . .		3
" " " who have been confined .		7
" " of deaths among the women, . .		2
Total, ...		73
Causes of deaths amongst the Women:		
Puerperal Fever, ...		2
Diseases occurring during the year:		
Erysipelas, ...		2
Puerperal Fever, ...		8
Persistent Emesis, ...		1
Obstetric Operations:		
Forceps delivery successful to both, .		4
Operation for imperforate rectum, .		1
Dr .Thomas's Operation, for prolapsed Cord, successful,		1
Summary of cases in the house, ...		60
" " attended by District Physicians, .		279
Total cases attended, ...		339

Summary of the whole number confined in the Asylum, from its foundation—

There were attended in the house, ...	3,392
" " " by District Physicians, . .	12,106
Total, ...	15,498

REMARKS.

At the close of last year's report, an account was given of some cases of puerperal fever, then in progress in the Asylum. At that time it was stated, that everything was being done, in the way of preventive measures, and in cleansing and disinfecting the house, to stop the spread of the disease to other inmates, and to obviate the necessity of closing the doors for a time, in order to avoid an Epidemic.—But a resort to this last alternative, proved to be unavoidable; the disease continued to spread and claimed three more victims, two women and an infant, before it was stayed. This final issue was effected only by refusing to admit the numerous applicants, then seeking admission, and by otherwise providing outside, for such as had already received permission to come in.

The house was accordingly closed for six weeks; and during that time, it was throughout, disinfected, cleansed and ventilated. This course proved effectual, and seems to be the only safe one, whenever either Erysipelas or puerperal fever makes its appearance in the wards. For the last three victims were admitted, at their own most urgent request, with some hesitancy on the part of the managers, after the cause of the fever—the erysepelas, had been recognized. Again from the time the house was reopened, to the present, it has never been more free from all kinds of puerperal difficulties.

This Spring again, two severe cases of Erysepelas in a mother and her infant occurred, accompanied by peritonitis in both. The mother recovered, but the child succumbed to the disease. Every precaution was again taken, and new admissions were again suspended, until we were assured the disease was not going to spread.

These two unavoidable suspensions of admission have of course diminished the figures this year, and will account for the comparatively small number of confinements in the house. The out door cases, maintain the usual average.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Dr. Isaac Wood, one of the consulting physicians, and also one of the earliest friends and benefactors of the Institution, in which he maintained his interest to the last. It will be recalled by all then present, how earnestly and fully he expressed his sympathy with its affairs, at the last annual meeting. In a professional life of over fifty years in this city, he was honored by all for his elevation, suavity and great uprightness of character. He was a wise and good man. He had received high honors from his professional brethren; was regarded as one of the fathers, and as one of a long line of distinguished men, whose names adorn the history of medicine in New York, and who are justly pointed to with pride by the younger members of the profession, as illustrating its dignity, its ability and its humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.

Resident Physician.

The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women,

In account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

	Dr.		
	To paid for Groceries	718.20	
	" " " Provisions,	488.29	
	" " " Flour	219.00	
	" " " Salaries and Wages	640.50	
	" " " Coal	326.00	
	" " " Milk and Ice	118.14	
	" " " Wood, Soap &c	190.16	
	" " " Repairs	246.50	
	" " " Furniture and Dry Goods	125.15	
	" " " White Washing	139.00	
	" " " Printing, Advertising, Stamps &c	59.42	
	" " " Gas	59.45	
	" " " Photograph of C. Rose, Esq	45.00	
	" " " Medicines	40.35	
	" " " Fire Insurance	25.00	
	" " " Croton Water Tax	18.00	
	" " " Safe Deposit Company	15.25	
	" " " $11,000. U. S. 5-20 Bonds	11.753.75	
	" " " Balance carried forward	1.317.30	
			$16.544.46
	Cr.		
	By Balance from last account	716.30	
	" Erie Railway Bond matured and paid by Co	1.000.00	
	" Donations	12.906.00	
	" Subscriptions	481.00	
	" Interest on Investments	1.210.52	
	" Premium of Gold Interest	225.28	
	" Value of bad Flour returned	5.36	
			$16.544.46
1868. April 15	By Balance brought down	$1.317.30	

E. E. New York, April 15th, 1868.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

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CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for lying-in women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secetary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. YIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The board of mangers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which puprose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive aud decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, aud for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses

I. The First Directress shall whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties: she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to enquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity ; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physicain to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physician may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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Forty-Sixth Annual Report.

The Forty-Sixth Anniversary of the New-York Asylum for Lying-In Women, is an occasion for reviewing the work of the past year.—The Managers regard it as a privileged opportunity for renewing their thanks to those friends whose liberality has been the means of contributing so largely to the present prosperous condition of the Society.

They would at the same time, urge its claims upon the attention of others, whose sympathy and interest would lend to it additional support.

In taking a retrospect of the past year, the Managers have to regret that their influence has not been more widely extended, and the benefits of the Asylum more sought for by the class it is especially intended to protect—the virtuous married women of every nationality and religious sect. To them is offered a

comfortable home, skillful medical treatment, the kindest and most careful nursing, and if circumstances permit, a suitable situation on leaving.

So retiring is the character of this Institution, it is in a measure veiled from the public eye: and its friends feel called upon to see that it is not overlooked, and that newer and more brilliantly conducted charities are not allowed to cast a shadow in its path. Its age—now nearly half a century—the exclusiveness of its regulations, and the success of its administration, would seem sufficient to entitle it to the highest place on the record of public benefactions, and the Managers trust that with God's blessing, the coming year will multiply their opportunities of assisting such as may need aid and comfort in their hour of trouble.

Mrs. Hope still remains as Matron of the Asylum, rendering services that have for so many years earned the gratitude of all acquainted with her conscientious and intelligent superintendence.

Dr. Sterling as Resident Physician, is ever faithfully at his post.

An acceptable donation of one hundred and twenty-nine yards of carpet through Mrs. Benj. Curtis, is gratefully acknowledged—as also two dozen infants' dresses from Mrs. Ward, and on several occasions, a bountiful supply of dried rusk and cake has been kindly sent by Mrs. Carleton.

Eighty-six Permits have been given during the year, seventy-five have entered, seventy-three have been confined and twenty-nine have found situations, as wet nurses, a considerable increase over the number of last year. This fact shows how great is the value of being able to supply so important a need in the community; thus ministering directly to the comfort and well-being of humanity. May this thought commend itself to the hearts of all earnest persons, and strengthen the hands of those working for its object.

M. F. FOSTER,

Secretary.

REPORT

OF THE

REISDENT PHYSICIAN.

To the Ladies of the Board of Managers of the New York Asylum for Lying-In Women.

The following is an abstract of the cases that have occurred at the Asylum during the twelve months, ending April 21st 1869.

Number of confinements in the house		73
" of Children born " "		75
Of the children in the house, there were of		
Males, ...	32	
Females, ... , .	43	
Total.	75	

The condition of the children, at birth was as follows.

Living and healthy, . . .	68
" " feeble, . . .	4
" " with malformation .	1
Still-born, ...	2
Total, ...	75

Of Children feeble at birth, and malformed, there Died in the house, . . .	1
Of those healthy at birth there died in the house.	0
Total of deaths in children, . . .	1

Causes of death in children,	
Feeble Vitality, ...	1
The number of Women received in to the house during the year, ...	74
" " of " remaining at last report	10
Total, ...	84
The number of Women who left the Asylum in good health after confinement, ...	75
The number of Women who left the Asylum in feeble health.	0
The number of Women who left the Aslum before confinement, ...	0
" " remaining to be confined, . .	4
" " " who have been confined .	5
" " of deaths among the women, . .	0
Total, ...	84

Diseases occurring during the year, . .	none,
Forceps delivery successful to both. .	1
Operation for Hare lip.	1

Summary of cases in the house, ...	73
" " attended by District Physicians, .	203
Total cases attended, ...	276

Summary of the whole number confined in the Asylum from its foundation—

There were attended in the house. . . .	3,465
" " " by District Physicians, .	12,309
Total	15,874

DONATIONS.

From April 15th, 1868 to April 21st, 1869.

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				$3.581.00

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Mrs. Dr. Ward, ...2 Dozen Infants' Dresses.

E. E. New York, April 21st, 1869.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

REMARKS.

It will be noticed from the foregoing statistics, that the Asylum has experienced during the past year, its usual exemption from any events worthy of special remark from a medical point of view. There have been no deaths or diseases of any kind during that period amongst the inmates. There has therefore been no need to call upon the abundant distinguished medical skill, which has always been at the service of the Asylum.

To the efficient Hygienic conditions maintained within the house, by its experienced and ever-vigilant Matron, is to be attributed, in great measure, this noticeable exemption of the Asylum, from the accidents usually attendant upon the puerperal state in other Charitable Institutions.

The falling off in the number of applicants for admission finds its solution, in this fact that the general abundance of labor and the high wages prevalent, have, in a measure, raised the respectable class of unfortunates, for whose temporary relief the Asylum is designed, above the necessity of availing themselves of its benefits. The increased facilities afforded by other institutions, have also doubtless had their influence in diminishing the number of applicants to this, and have also enabled the managers to confine their benefactions, more strictly to the class for whom they were originally designed. There has been a corresponding diminution in the out-door patients, probably influenced by the same causes; and this is in accordance with the experience of the other medical Dispensaries of the City.

As a matter of general interest we have to remark upon, an increasing deterioration in the quality of wet-nurses. The class of women, to whom we have been accustomed to look for the supply of infant nourishment, in the acknowledged deficiency of the present generation of native born women, in that respect seems also to be degenerating. We no longer, expect to find the same percentage of good wet-nurses amongst the women confined in the Asylum, and who are almost entirely of foreign birth. It may be a true inference from this fact, that the immigrant stock is not drawn from the same vigorous and healthy sources as their predecessors. A larger proportion are probably from the manufacturing towns of Europe, and a smaller number from the country districts or peasant population. This seems to be in accordance with the experience of physicians in general practice, many of them expressing these views at the Asylum, in the course of their often fruitless search for efficient wet-nurses, who are in increasing demand, and the immigrant women fail to supply this demand in anything like the same percentage as formerly.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. STIRLING,

Resident Physician.

April 21*st* 1869.

The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women,

In account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

Dr.

	To paid for Groceries	720.63	
	" " " Provisions,	569.40	
	" " " Flour	176.50	
	" " " Salaries and Wages	698.00	
	" " " Coal	289.50	
	" " " Milk and Ice	110.24	
	" " " Wood, Soap &c	176.94	
	" " " Repairs	441.74	
	" " " Dry Goods	26.30	
	" " " White Washing	69.00	
	" " " Printing, Advertising, Stamps &c	63.37	
	" " " Medicines	14.12	
	" " " Gas	57.35	
	" " " Fire Insurance	25.00	
	" " " Croton Water Tax	18.00	
	" " " Safe Deposit Company	15.35	
	" " " $5,000. U. Pacific R. R. 1st Mort'ge Bds	5.031.23	
	" " " Balance at credit of of new account	2.689.35	
			$11.192.02

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1868. April 15	By Balance, account rendered	1.317.30	
	" H. R. R. R. 1st M'ge Bonds, matured & paid by Co.	4.000.00	
	" Donations	3.581.00	
	" Subscriptions	386.40	
	" Interest on Investments	1.536.00	
	" Premium on Gold Interest	371.32	
			$11.192.02
1869 April 21	By Balance at credit of new account	$2.689.35	

E. E. New York, April 15th, 1868.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

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Clapp, Everett..... 5
Donaldson, James.. 5
Dutilh, E..... 5
Depau, Louis..... 5
De Forest, James... 3
De Rham, Charles.. 5
De Pau, A. S..... 3
De Barry..... 3
Decker, G. K..... 3
Dodge, R..... 3
D'Agreda..... 5
Doremus, S. C..... 3
Doremus, T. C 3
Dwinelle, H. S..... 3
Dubois, A..... 5
Miss Duer, Sarah.....10
Mrs. Emmet, T. A..... 3
Edgar, Robert W.... 5
Emmet, W. C..... 5
Evans, W. 5
Elmendorf, J. A..... 3
Earl, John H..... 5
Evans, Wm. H..... 3
Eldridge..... 3
Farnum, Henry..... 5
Fellows, W. M..... 5
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Field, Thomas H.... 5
Ferrero, Charles.... 3
Flagg, G. W..... 3
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Fish, Hamilton..... 5
Foster, J. H..... 3

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Gescheidt, D..... 5
Glover, J. H..... 3
Gandy, Shepherd... 5
Gates, P. D..... 5
Griswold, George, Jr 3
Gibson, E. T. H..... 5
Gebhard, F. C..... 5
Girling, R..... 2
Green, Martin..... 3
Greenman, J. B.... 3
Mr. Gorman, O..... 3
Mrs. Grant, O. Deforest.. 5
Gawtry, Wm. M.... 5
Gordon, George, Jr. 3
Hoppin, Hamilton..10
Heyward.....10
Haggerty, Ogden... 5
Henshell, Dr..... 3
Howes, N. R..... 3
Hegeman, Joseph. . 3
Hetrick, Margaret.. 3
Haincs, W. A..... 3
Hendrick, Montague 5
Hunt, G. B.. 2
Henry, Patrick..... 8
Hook, Gulian..... 5
Hoffman, S..... 3
Holden, Horace..... 5
Hamilton, Edmond. 3
Hamm, S..... 3
Hildreth, D. M..... 5
Miss. Haines..... 3
Hoffman, Julia..... 5
Rev. Harper, James..... 3
Mrs. Hays, A. M..... 3
Hunt, Leavitt..... 3
Hand, S..... 3
Hardt, Wm..... 5
Honig, Henry..... 3
Iselin, A..... 5
Irwin, J. T..... 3
Johnson, Bradish... 3
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Jones, Frederick... 5
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Mrs. Johnston, John.....$5
Johnston, James B..5
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Jones, W. J.....3
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Johnston, J. Taylor.50
Miss Jones, M. S.....3
Kennedy, D. S.....5
Kingman.....5
Kneeland, C. Jr.....5
Kortright.....3
Kursheedt. A... 3
King, H.....5
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Mrs. Kemble,Jr , G.....5
Lawrence, D. L.....3
Langdon, W 3
La Farge, J..... ..5
Lane, David.....3
Little, E. B... 3
Leon, D..... 3
Lametta.... 5
Lawrence,Joseph B..3
Livingston, R. E.....3
Leavett, H. M.....3
Lee, James.....3
Luqueer 3
Lawrence. T. W.....3
Law, D. E. C 3
Lindsley, C. E.....3
Lowery, John.....5
Lehaur, M. H.....5
Miss Lenox.....5
Lenox, Helen.....5
Mr. Lawrence, James....3
Lawrence, Brian.....5
Lenox, James.....100
Mrs. Lehmaier, M. H.....5
Leverich, Chas. P....3
Leverich, Henry.....3
Lewis, E. C.....5
Leowi, Oscar.....5
Ludlow, E. L.....5
Lord, J. Cowper.....5
Leverich, Chas. P....3
Leverich, Henry.....3
Lawrence, H. J.....5
McLanahan..... 5
Matthison, E. A.....5
Mace, Thos.....3
McEvers, B 5
Maitland, Robert L..5
Myers, E. K.....3
Mortimer, John Jr...5
Mortimer, John H...3
Meyer, Henry..... 5
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McCurdy.....3
March, John 5
McCormick, John H.3
Moke, George.....5
Maxwell, L.....5
Murray, John B.....5
Miller, G. Norton....5
Melvain, R. C.....5
Moore, W... .....$3

Mrs. Miller.....5
Mackenzie, J. D.....3
Maitland, J. W.....5
Macy, C. B.....5
Martin, W. R.....10
Moses, I.....8
Minturn, Robert B..10
Miss Murray, Mary.....3
Morford, Chas. A....5
Morris, Wm. Lewis..5
Rev. McCarthy, Patrick...3
Mrs. Minturn, R. B. Jr... 5
Minturn, J. W.....10
Nelson, John 3
Nevius, J. R.....3
Norrie, Gordon.....3
Nathan, Robt.. 5
Odell, Isaac.....3
Post, L. T.....3
Parkin, W.....3
Potter, E. T.....3
Perkins, W. L.....3
Pearsall, A. T.....3
Peck, Charles.....3
Pirrson, F. M.. . .. 5
Percival, J. H.....5
Peters, J. M.....5
Palmer, G. N.....3
Phelps, Geo. A.....5
Proybn, E.....3
Potts, Geo. H.. 5
Prentice, James H..10
Mad. Poirier.... 3
Mr. Piellon, John.....3
Quinn, Wm.....5
Mrs. Reed, George W.....5
Raymond, Gustave..5
Randolph.....5
Robbins, L. C.....3
Roberts, J. P.....5
Riley, T. W 3
Ross, D. L.....3
Reid, Almot.....3
Rogers, M.. 3
Rodgers, John L.....3
Reid, Edgar.....10
Reesig, R.....5
Robbins, G. A.....3
Roosevelt, James J..5
Mrs. Rapallo, Chars.....3
Robinson, Beverly .5
Spencer, George G...3
Stephenson, E.... ..3
Schermerhorn, P. A..5
Schmidt, J. W.....10
Sheaf, J. F.....5
Smith, Gamaliel.....5
Strong, Charles E....3
Spencer, Wm. A....10
Stebbins, Henry G...5
Skiddy.....3
Sumner, G. W.....5
Smedberg.. 3
Spofford, A. H.....3
Sheldon, R. W. 5
Smith, Thomas H...3
Smythigton, Jas.....5
Sparks, Henry.....5

Mrs. Snow, Robert H....$3
Scheiffeln, Geo. R..5
Sharp, Benjamin. ...3
Schermerhorn, A....5
Stewart, Charles A..5
Starr, Walter S 5
Suckley, J. H.....5
Satterlee, George C..5
Satterlee, George B 5
Sturges, J. T.....5
Schmidt, Leopold....3
Smith, Wm. H.....5
Sampson, Jos.....3
Satterlee, Livingston.3
Stewart, Charles H...5
Stephens, Geo. S....3
Southwith, A. P.....3
Sullivan, N.....3
Sloan, Geo.....3
Mr. Sherman, C.....5
Mrs. Stewart, Chas.....2
Sheldon, Henry I....3
Todd, J. G.....3
Talbot, C. N.....5
Tavala, Hendricks...3
Thorp, George 5
Townly, J. W.....5
Tallmadge, Fred.....3
Thorne, L. A.....5
Trask, C. H.....3
Thorne, Jonathan....5
Tiffany, G. P.....2
Tiffany, Lyman.....5
Mrs. Thomas, T. G 5
Turnure, Lawrence..5
Van Buren, Abraham.5
Vallance, W. H.....5
Van Nostrand.....10
Vose, Richard 5
Van Dykes, F. C.....3
Vinton, P.....5
Woodruff, F..... .5
Watts, Anna.....5
Walker, William.....3
Wisner, Wm. H.....3
Wotherspoon, G.....5
Wood, William.....3
Wolfe, J. D.....10
Walters.....3
Wright, J. Butler.....5
Wycoff, T. S.....5
Wardell, Joseph H...3
Ward, Dr. T..... ..5
White, Matthew.....5
Wilson, Edwin.....3
Worsham, D. W.....5
White, H. E.....5
Walsh, M. A.....5
Whiting, A.....5
Willard, Gardiner....5
Weeks, John A.....5
Wotherspoon, Geo. Jr3
Woodruff, F..... .5
Woodward, George..3
Miss. Whitewright..... .. 2
Waller Rob't.... ...3
Mrs Zabriskie, C. A :....5

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for lying-in women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The board of mangers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which puprose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, aud for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses

I. The First Directress shall whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties: she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to enquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity ; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physician may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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" JAMES BROOKS,	Fourth,	"	363 Fifth Avenue.
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" SAMUEL JAUDON,	Sixth,	"	20 East 35th Street.
" J. R. NEVIUS,	Treasurer,	"	51 West 28th Street.
" JOS. H. FOSTER,	Secretary,	"	115 East 23d Street.

MANAGERS.

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" Geo. Phelps, 192 West 14th Street.
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Ogden Hoffman.

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Foster Swift, M. D. 46 East 30th Street.

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Chas. S. Ward, M. D.

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R. B. Prescott, 65 Varick St.

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Ira M. Lang, 271 Henry St.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting their Forty-Seventh Annual Report, the Managers of the New York Asylum for Lying-In Women, again appear before their friends and the public, to set forth their experiences of the past year, and render their testimony to the worth of the Institution they have in charge.

They earnestly desire that its privileges may be more fully enjoyed—its influence more widely felt—its adaptedness to the wants of a respectable class of women more largely recognized. To this end they reiterate its advantages, and say to the married women of every nation that its doors are open to them.

There they will find relief from their sufferings, comfort for their helplessness, and sympathy for their misfortunes. A skilful physician and nurse are always in attendance.

The women are ministered to by watchful hands during their illness, and in many ways receive that assistance for which they would sadly suffer in their own cheerless homes.

These privileges are secured to all entitled to their benefit without charge, furnishing the aid they could not provide for themselves, and asking in return only the self-respect and gratitude of the patient.

On leaving the Asylum the responsible position of wet-nurse is always to be obtained by those having the necessary qualifications.

The Managers have decided that so valuable a School for the education of nurses must not longer be disregarded. They have therefore adopted the plan

of receiving into the Asylum any person desiring it and approved of by them, for a time sufficiently long to qualify them for an intelligent discharge of their duties.

The wisdom of educating women for this important post, the Managers hope will meet the approbation of their friends and subscribers.

A plan for taking charge of the young children of Mothers who may be in the Asylum is in contemplation; and if possible an arrangement will be entered into with some other Institution to that effect.

The necessity of such a step is deeply felt, and some plan of relief will be urged unceasingly, hoping "to do more in the future than in the past, more to-morrow than to-day."

The Managers gratefully acknowledge the Providential care that has been vouchsafed to them, while striving as a Society to give help and comfort to the distressed.

The last year's record bears the usual exemption from fatal cases of disease.

The usual number of women have been admitted and confined—a smaller number left as wet-nurses.

It is noticeable that a smaller proportion of women than formerly make good nurses; a fact referred to by Dr. Sterling in his last report.

The past year has been marked by the death of one of the oldest and most devoted members of the Board, Mrs. Geo. Wotherspoon.

Her long association with the Asylum and faithful labors in its behalf, will be gratefully cherished by those who mourn the loss of her ripe experience and active co-operation.

In the death of Dr. Thomas Cock, the Asylum loses one of its founders and a zealous friend.

After several years of devoted and skilful services, Dr. Sterling has resigned the position of Resident Physician and Doctor Ward succeeds him.

Mrs. Hope, as Matron, remains at the post which she has so long distinguished by unwavering fidelity to its duties.

The judgment with which she has regulated the household expenses, has made them exceptionally small. Her supervision of the sick room has also proved a valuable auxiliary to the skill of the attending Physician.

During the year ninty-one permits have been granted, eighty-six women have entered, eighty-one have been confined, and forty have left as wet-nurses. Two-hundred have been attended at their own residences.

The Managers are desirous of increasing their list of subscribers—thus adding to their annual income and widening the circle of friends on whose sympathy they hope always to rely. They look to them especially for encouragement and support, and wish this assurance might deepen their interest in the Institution, and stimulate them to use their efforts in adding to its strength.

The Managers enter upon another year hopeful for the future, and grateful to the Giver of all good for blessings in the past.

M. F. FOSTER

Secretary.

Tabulated Statement of Cases for Year ending April 20th, 1870.

NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted Since Last Report		Discharged Since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have Rec'd Care.		Number of Births at the Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.			Number who have Rec'd Care since Foundation of Asylum.	
	Who had been Confined.	Who were to be Confined.	Who had been Confined.	Who were to be Confined.	Before Confinement.	After Confinement.	Who have been Confined.	To be Confined.	At the Asylum.	At their Residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still Born.	Among Children.	Among Women.	Operations	At the Asylum.	At their Residences.
Total,	5	4	2	84	6	76	7	5	99	200	34	47	78	2	1	2	0	1	3,546	12509
Whole No.	9		86		82		12		299		81		81			2		1	16,055	

Causes of Death—Hydrocephalus, 1. Croup, 1.

Operations—Forceps, 1.

Charles S. Ward,
Resident Physician.

REMARKS.

It will be seen from the foregoing statistics that no event worthy of notice has occurred during the past year. Though the number received and cared for in the Asylum is larger than that of the preceding year its capacity is still not taxed, a fact worthy of something more than a passing notice when we take into consideration the great amount of such aid which is needed amongst the poor. With the facilities the Asylum affords and the acknowledged necessity for an institution of this kind it should be a matter of carnest inquiry, why the yearly average of patients is diminishing while the proportion of poor keeps steady pace with the growth of the city?

Is it because other institutions afford better care? Or, is it because the general prosperity of the working class is so great that it has less need of its care? Or again, is it because this Asylum is overshadowed by other institutions, so that it is overlooked and forgotten, and by large numbers of the very class whom it is intended to benefit entirely unknown?

Other institutions do *not* really afford better care than this one, though they offer more attractions in the modern conveniences which are now considered indispensable prerequisites by all.

The consulting and visiting Boards of Physicians which you have placed at the head of the Medical Department are such as to guarantee that enlightened care shall be the lot of the inmates. Your dietary is generous, and your rules of admission such that the respectable poor are not brought in contact with the degraded as is so often the case in more public charities; those acquainted with the mixed character of patients in some institutions need not be reminded how reluctant many must be to receive assistance from them.

It does *not* seem to be the fact that the working classes are enjoying any greater degree of prosperity than usual, while their numbers are daily augmented by fresh accessions from the rural districts and from abroad; from which it would

seem that, all things being equal, the Asylum should feel the stress by increase in numbers.

The Board of Managers whose interest centres in this institution, and who have done so much for it by their endeavors, perhaps hardly think, while the subject is ever present with them, that others have little knowledge of its character, while those for whom it is designed know little or nothing of the kind charity which here awaits them by your liberality, for so quiet has been the conduct of this institution that really but little is known of *it* among the poor, while all know of the Hospitals. Many of those who have heard of the Asylum think it an institution in which each patient pays for the attendance received; this impression I find exists even among many Physicians. In order that the poor may know of the assistance here rendered, I would respectfully recommend that circulars or cards giving the necessary information be sent to the Dispensaries, Physicians, Benevolent Societies and City Missionaries; this would be an easy and inexpensive mode of making the Asylum known in a quiet way. I feel sure that by proper use of this means double the number of patients would receive the care of the Asylum.

While this Asylum has pursued its course now extending through a period of nearly fifty years, veiling itself from public scrutiny and depending alone upon the efforts of its Managers and numerous friends for support, other institutions have appealed to the public, have received assistance from City and State and have used every means to bring themselves into notice. There seems to be a necessity for a new start; the quiet seclusion which has been maintained is at the expense of its prosperity. The field of duty which the Asylum has entered upon is still in a large measure unoccupied; the initial step which you have taken, you have still power to continue and develop.

With the recognition of the necessity comes the importance of the consideration of the means. The present location was some time ago decided to be unfavorable, and though remov-

al has since been agitated the only effect seems to be the hindering of needed improvements in this building. We have need of the various hospital accessories and modern conveniences to make us rank with other institutions, our present arrangements are inadequate to the demands of the times, this surely has its effect upon the number of patients and upon the claims which we have upon the public.

The important and inseparable collateral work in which the Asylum is engaged in its efforts to supply wet-nurses is worthy of particular attention ; the demand for such nurses is far in excess of the supply, though undoubtedly it could be in a great measure satisfied from outside sources. I would recommend therefore that you take into consideration the advisability of establishing a bureau for wet-nurses. This could be done with little extra work, it would be a great benefit to society at large and to the worthy who should seek such situations. One or more days in the week could be set apart for the reception of applicants for situations, their capabilities ascertained, as also such other facts as would be important. This department would be self-sustaining by the rule of the Asylum which requires all who obtain nurses to become subscribers. There seems to be no other institution to do this, and the ability to supply so humane a want would seem to involve the obligation.

A great need which the Asylum feels is that of good nurses, and they are the ones which are hard to retain, as they always command a premium. Those who show an aptitude for the work have no difficulty in finding situations at high wages. In order to secure ourselves from being left without assistance as well as to get the best care, I would recommend that one or two who are desirous of becoming professional nurses be received for a stated number of months in this capacity, the instruction being considered an equivalent for their services ; their respective terms of service to expire in such a way that one trained nurse shall always be left. As we have frequent applications from such persons, there would always be

a reliable supply. The Asylum would in this way become a valuable *training school* for *nurses*, being the means of helping many to an honorable competence.

CHAS. S. WARD,

Resident Physician.

April 20th, 1870.

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Reesig, R.....5
Robbins, G. A.....3
Roosevelt, James J..5
Rapallo, Chars.....3
Robinson, Beverly .5
Spencer, George G...3
Stephenson, E.... ..3
Schmidt, J. W.....10
Sheaf, J. F.....5
Smith, Gamaliel....5
Strong, Charles E....3
Spencer, Wm. A....10
Stebbins, Henry G...5
Sumner, G. W.....5
Spofford, A. H.....3
Sheldon, R. W. 5
Smith, Thomas H...3
Smythigton, Jas..... 5
Sparks, Henry..... 5
Snow, Robert H.... 3
Scheiffeln, Geo. R..5
Schermerhorn, A....5
Stewart, Charles A..5
Starr, Walter S 5
Suckley, J. H.....5

Mrs. Satterlee, George C. $5
Satterlee, George B 5
Sturges, J. T.....5
Schmidt, Leopold....3
Smith, Wm. H.....5
Sampson, Jos.....3
Satterlee, Livingston.3
Stewart, Charles H...5
Stephens, Geo. S....3
Southwith, A. P.....3
Sullivan, N.....3
Mr. Sherman, C.....5
Mrs. Stewart, Chas. 2
Sheldon, Henry I....3
Talbot, C. N.....5
Thorp, George 5
Townly, J. W.....5
Thorne, L. A.....5

Mrs. Trask, C. H.....$3
Thorne, Jonathan....5
Tiffany, G. P.....2
Tiffany, Lyman.....5
Tyng, Stephen 5
Thomas, T. G 5
Turnure, Lawrence..5
Van Nostrand.....10
Vose, Richard 5
Van Dykes, F. C.....3
Woodruff, F..... .5
Watts, Anna.....5
Walker, William.....3
Wisner, Wm. H.....3
Wood, William.....3
Wolfe, J. D.....10
Wright, J. Butler.....5
Wycoff, T. S.....5
Wardell, Joseph H...3

Mrs. Ward, Dr. T..... $5
White, Matthew.....5
Wilson, Edwin.....3
Worsham, D. W.....5
White, H. E.....5
Walsh, M.A.....5
Whiting, A.....5
Willard, Gardiner....5
Weeks, John A.....5
Wotherspoon, Geo. Jr3
Woodruff, F..... .5
Woodward, George..3
Williams, John S. ..5
Wilson, Harris..... 5
Mr. Wotherspoon, G.....5
Miss Whitewright..... ...2
Waller Rob't.... 3
Mrs. Zabriskie, C. A.....5

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ACT OF INCORPORATION, *Passed 19th March*, 1827.

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The board of mangers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses

I. The First Directress shall whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties: she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to enquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity ; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physician may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1871.

Mrs. T. A. EMMET.....	FIRST DIRECTRESS	...38 East 49th Street.
" BACHE McEVERS,.....	SECOND "	... Staten Island.
" THOMAS COCK,.....	THIRD "	. ..62 East 15th Street.
" JAMES BROOKS,...	FOURTH "	....363 Fifth Avenue.
" SAMUEL JAUDON, ...	FIFTH "	... 20 E. 35th Street.
" FREDERICK JONES,.....	SIXTH "	....144 East 27th Street.
" J. R. NEVIUS.....	TREASURER,	...51 West 28th Street.
" JOS. H. FOSTER,.....	SECRETARY,	....115 East 23d Street.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. G. W. SUMNER, 22 West 29th Street.
" ROBERT S. BULLIS, 10 Beach Street.
" THOS. W. CLERKE, 131 East 34th Street.
" JOHN H. MORTIMER, 10 West 32d St.
" CHAS. A. MORFORD, 39 West 17St.
" S. D. BURCHARD, 51 7th Avenue.
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" STEPHEN TYNG, St. George's Rectory.
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Mrs. A. OAKEY HALL, 42d Street.
" T. G. THOMAS, 86 5th Avenue.
" JAS. B. KISSAM, Stateten Island.
" ED. BURCKHARDT, 14 West 14th St.
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" C. K. GARRISON, N. Y. Hotel.
" WM. F. CAREY, Jr., 90 Pine Street.
" A. M. HAYS, 58 West 48th Street.
" FREDK. BURRALL, 28 West 11th St.
" FRANCIS TOMES, Greenwich.
" ISAAC H. BRONSON, 22 West 22d St.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. HENRY COIT,
" J. W. SCHMIDT.
Mrs. D. C. COLDEN,
" OGDEN HOFFMAN.

CONSULTING PHYSICIANS.

THOMAS F. COCK, M. D., 31 West 36th St.
GURDON BUCK, M. D., 46 West 29th St.
JARED LINSLEY, M. D. 22 Lafayette Place.
S. B. W. MCLEOD, M. D., 357 W. 18th St.

ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

WM. W. JONES, M. D., 51 West 28th St.
FOSTER SWIFT, M. D. 46 East 30th Street.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

CHAS. S. WARD, M. D.

DISTRICT PHYSICIANS.

Dr. T. G. THOMAS, 86 Fifth Avenue.
JAMES W. MCLANE, 12 West 37th St.
G. H. AIKEN, 45 Monroe Street.
GEORGE G. WHEELOCK, 47 West 31st St.
GEORGE W. ROBINSON, 184 Grand St.
R. B. PRESCOTT, 65 Varick St,
SAMUEL S. BAROKER, 101 Perry St.
B. GRUNHUT, 238 Spring Street.
N. S. ROBERTS, 25 Ridge Street.

Dr. C. BUDD, 43 West 23d Street.
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BENJ. F. DAWSON, 8 East 15th St.
J. H. EMERSON, 34 West 23d St.
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NORTON FOLSOM, 26 West 29th St.
EDWARD FRANKEL, 217 East 17th St.
WM. M. KEMP, 267 West 23d St.

J. F. ATWOOD, 340 West 18th Street.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Managers of the New York Asylum for Lyin Women, in their last Annual Report, stated clearly the plans and purposes of the Institution; explained its system of operation, and represented the wisdom of its rules and regulations; hoping to awaken a larger interest in its behalf, and secure for it a special claim to be considered one of the most praiseworthy and benevolent Institutions of this charitabe community.

Standing upon the threshold of their Forty-Eighth Anniversary, they have cause to be grateful for the blessings of the year just ended, and are strengthened in their convictions as to the usefulness and peculiar advantages of the Asylum, whose interests and welfare they strive to promote.

It claims to exceptional consideration, as recognized by those most conversant with the many excellent and worthy charities of the city, in being the only one where aid is furnished gratuitously, cannot be too frequently asserted; nor should the friends of the Asylum be weary of advocating its important service in the cause of humanity.

As the only Institution where the respectable married woman is received and attended during the period of her confinement, without charge, it appeals to the most sacred instincts of the heart, and should be sustained, encouraged and assisted, by all aiming to alleviate the condition of the suffering poor.

The Asylum must ever occupy its own modest, unpretending niche, its abundant blessings falling quietly upon those under its protection.

The number of persons admitted to the privileges of the Institution the past year, is about the same as that of the previous one. The fact that the women were of the better class, the Managers record with satisfaction, as it is more especially these they would prefer to receive into the Asylum.

Since the last Anniversary 84 women have been confined; 86 have entered, and 15 have left to fill situations as wet-nurses. 188 have also been attended at their homes by the District Physician.

Mrs. Hope, as matron, continues to render her valuable services; and the Managers are much indebted to Dr. Ward, the resident physician, for his active sympathy and devoted attention to the interests of the Asylum.

It has been for some time a question with the Managers whether a change of location, and a new building with modern improvements, might not incrcase its usefulness; and at their last anniversary they had the testimony of several physicians to the effect that such a change would add greatly to the attractiveness of the Asylum, and tend to promote its strength and vitality.

The plan thus strongly recommended, the officers and Managers are earnestly considering the best means of accomplishing; hoping that some way will be opened to them, and trusting their cause to the Providence which has for so many years befriended and rewarded their efforts.

They are pained to record the death of their much loved and respected associate, Mrs. Geo. J. Cornell. In the midst of her useful life the summons was heard,

"The Master is come and calleth for thee." Her valuable services as Secretary of the Asylum for several years, and warm interest in its behalf the Managers recall with grateful thanks.

She retired from the office of Secretary on account of ill health, and was elected to that of Fifth Directress. This place is now made vacant, and but the memory of her virtues remains.

Still another void has been made by the untimely death of Dr. George T. Elliott, an honored member of the Board of Consulting Physicians. Formerly Resident Physician of the Asylum, his labors in its behalf were constant and self-sacrificing, his duties earnestly and faithfully performed. His unselfish devotion to his profession, and his humanitarian zeal, especially in aid of women, not deeming any sacrifice too great, if thereby he might alleviate their sufferings and minister to their comfort and restoration, will cause his name to be held in tender remembrance; and the Managers would offer to his memory their tribute of heartfelt and affectionate regard.

The sympathy he so earnestly expressed, and the assistance he was ever ready to give, justly entitle him to more than this brief acknowledgement of his character and worth. Of such is it not written? "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life?"

The Managers wish at this time, to acknowledge the donations sent them during the year.

From Mrs. T. A. Emmet, Chickens and Turkey for Thanksgiving dinner.

From Mrs. Roosevelt, Turkeys and pie for Christmas.

From Mr. Hildreth, by Mrs. C. K. Garrison, a large easy chair.

From Mrs. Motley, by Mrs. Garrison, a package of infants' clothing.

From Miss Moore, by Mrs. Garrison, two packages of infants' clothing.

From Mrs. Emmet, two cabinets.

From Mrs. Carlton, several donations of rusk and cake.

From Mrs. Stephen H. Tyng, 70 lbs of rice.

From Mrs. White, two barrels of apples; and from Mrs. Curtis, Judson, Gramercy, Park Hotel, a package of old linen.

For these acceptable contributions, so generously offered, the Managers would express their warmest thanks. Stimulated by the sympathy and encouragement of their friends, they solicit the interest of those who desire to assist a worthy cause, and enlarge its sphere of usefulness.

M. F. FOSTER,

April 19th, 1871. Secretary.

Tabulated Statement of Cases for Year ending April 19th, 1871.

NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have Rec'd Care.		Number of Births at the Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.			Number who have Rec'd Care since Foundation of Asylum.	
	Who had been Confined.	Who were to be Confined.	Who had been Confined.	Who were to be Confined.	Before Confinement.	After Confinement.	Who have been Confined.	To be Confined.	At the Asylum.	At their Residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still Born.	Among Children.	Among Women.	Operations	At the Asylum.	At their Residences.
Total,	7	5	2	84	5	74	2	3	86	188	47	32	73	3	3	3	0	5	3,632	12697
Whole No.	12		86		79		5		274		79		79			3		5	16,329	

There were three cases of Twins.
Forceps were employed in five cases.
Four children were malformed at Birth.

The causes of Death were as follows:
1 Premature Birth (6th month.)
1 Pyærnia.
1 Found dead in bed beside its mother, overlaid?

Charles S. Ward,
Resident Physician.

REMARKS.

The close of another year brings with it nought but congratulation. The work of the Aslyum through your direction has gone on harmoniously and without interruption. With our present aspirations our only regret is, that our circumstances are such as to prevent larger charities, though we have bright anticipations of soon entering upon a more extended field of operations. It is still too early to learn whether our application to the Legislature for aid will be granted. Should, however, our appeal be ineffectual I feel confident that with more time and influence another year will bring the much needed assistance, and that our semi-centenary will be celebrated in a new Aslyum which shall rank as one of the prominent institutions of the state.

So bright a prospect, there is reason to hope will arouse anew the interest in the many friends of this Aslyum, and lead them to generous contributions as heretofore.

I would respectfully call your attention again, this year, to the fact that but few who need such care as is here given know of the existence of the institution. Less than three months ago an advertisement appeared in one of the daily papers enquiring whether this institution still existed, the advertisement was indeed written by one who had but recently arrived in this country; had the Aslyum, however, been known as it should be amongst the poor the question could have been answered in any neighorhood.

I would suggest that some form of notification be issued in the daily press, or by means of printed slips or tickets, by which the needy might know of the beneficent provision here made for them. Besides, experience demonstrates that institutions thrive according to their prominence, people are more ready to give to Institutions which are conspicious, and as we are obliged to look to the generous hearted for assistance, we should make ourselves known to them not only in statement of our work, but in representations of our necessities.

It is a pleasure for us to know that our faithful matron, Miss Hope, is still to remain with us; her intelligent and efficient supervision of the work, is alike a matter of congratulation both to the Resident Physician and the Board of Manrgers.

As the one under whose supervision the work of the District Physicians comes, I desire to bear record of their self-sacrificing labors, of their skill, efficiency and fidelity to the trust committed to them, and to express to them, through you, our appreciation of their valuable services.

This report should not be closed without a parting tribute to Dr. George T. Elliot, who, for so many years was connected with this institution, first, as Resident, then successively as Visiting and Consulting Physician. The benefit of his ripe experience was ever readily given, and we shall miss, as do other institutions his rare ability, valuable counsel and warm-hearted friendship.

CHAS. S. WARD,

Resident Physician.

April 19th, 1871.

The New York Asylum for Lying-in-Women, in account with Sarah B. Nevius, Treas.

Dr.			Cr.	
To paid for Groceries	$ 666.97	1870, April 20	By Balance, account rendered	2.813.47
" " " Provisions,	631.78		" Donations	2.504.02
" " " Salaries and Wages	758.50		" Subscriptions	378.00
" " " Coal	307.50		" Interest on Investments	1.860.00
" " " Milk and Ice	146.14		" Premium on Gold Interest	140.00
" " " Flour	120.75			
" " " Wood, Soap &c	171.68			
" " " Repairs	167.34			
" " " Dry Goods	37.46			
" " " Furniture	12.08			
" " " House Cleaning	94.00			
" " " Printing and Advertising,	61.31			
" " " Medicines	37.70			
" " " Gas	59.80			
" " " Fire Insurance	25.00			
" " " Safe Deposit Company	25.00			
" " " Croton Water Tax	20.00			
" " " Invested	1.940.00			
" " " Balance to credit of new account	2.412.48			
	$7,695.49			$7,695.49
		1871, April 19	By Balance at credit of new account	$2.412.48

E. E. New York, April 18th, 1871.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

DONATIONS.

From April 20th, 1870, to April 19th, 1871.

From Messrs. Egbert, Bourne & Co.....	By Mrs. Nevius.....	$	5.00
" Wm. H. Bunker, (Storage)	" "		50.00
" Miss Sallie, Janette, Hargons, (Life Members)..	" Mrs. Garrison.....		25.00
" Mrs. Ed. Burckhardt, (Life Member)	" Mrs. Nevius.....		25.00
" Mrs. C. D. Mead.....	" Mrs. Hope.....		12.50
" Mrs. Gratz Nathan	" "		10.00
" Mrs. Grumbers.....	" "		5.00
" Mrs. J. Ludlum.....	" "		5.00
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CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ACT OF INCORPORATION, *Passed 19th March*, 1827.

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The board of mangers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses

I. The First Directress shall whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

CHAPTER IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties: she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to enquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physician may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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CHAS. S. WARD, M. D.

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FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Forty-ninth Annual Report of the New York Asylum for Lying-in Women is now presented by the Managers, to show with what success they have striven to comfort those whose circumstances in life make them dependent at times upon the sympathy, interest and support of the more favored classes of the community.

Reviewing the past year with devout gratitude, the Managers would acknowledge that their work has been accomplished under favorable circumstances. The lives of the patients have been mercifully spared, one death only having occurred, and that the result of disease contracted before entering.

It is a fact to be cherished with great satisfaction that during a period of five years only one death has been registered; and an incident worthy of record, that at one time, when a case of malignant puerperal fever was under treatment, so watchful was the care, so thorough the discipline, not one among the large number of patients was affected by it.

Such efficient and vigorous management is the foundation of success, and essentially important in accomplishing the mission of the asylum. How many useful lives have been saved, how many weary pillows soothed, how many destitute and pitiable sufferers relieved in these years, which, under the guiding hand of Providence, have been attended with such favorable results.

It is by a retrospect of the past that the amount or relief obtained from an institution is fully understood; in this way it becomes an agency for its own progress in the cause of humanity.

Since the last anniversary 92 women have been admitted to the asylum. 76 have been confined, and 42 have left to fill situations as wet nurses. 177 have also been attended at their homes by the District Physician.

Mrs. Hope's invaluable services as matron, secure to the patients the same kind and judicious treatment which they have ever received under her care.

Dr. Chas. Ward remains as Resident Physician, performing the duties of the office with his accustomed skill and fidelity.

The financial affairs of the Asylum, so ably managed by its Treasurer, were never in a more prosperous condition. Among other acceptable donations, that of three thousand dollars from the Commissioner of Public Charities is gratefully acknowledged, and will be found credited in the Treasurer's report.

From the published Report of the Commissioner, after an inspection of the different charitable institutions of the city, last year, this asylum was stated "to be in good condition, its meritorious design and good management entitling it to the confidence of the public."

The following acceptable donations were received during the year:

From Mrs. T. A. Emmet, a turkey, chickens, and fruit for thanksgiving dinner.

From Mrs. J. Roosevelt, turkeys and pie for Christmas.

From Mrs. C. K. Garrison, a turkey and half dozen pillow-cases.

From Mrs. Chas. A. Morford, a basket of peaches and some preserves.

The Asylum still retains its important position among the yearly increasing charitable institutions of the city, in being the only one of this character where none but married women are received; the improved circumstances of many, in these times of high wages, enabling them more often than formerly to remain in their homes instead of seeking the shelter of this asylum.

Let us cherish the hope that God's blessing will continue to rest upon it, that in the years to come, its opportunities of doing good may be increased, and that many shall have cause to look back upon its needed protection with hearts of thankfulness and praise.

Tabulated Statement of Cases for Year ending April 17th, 1872.

NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report.		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have Rec'd Care.		Number of Births at the Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.			Number who have Rec'd Care since Foundation of Asylum	
	Who had been Confined.	Who were to be Confined.	Who had been Confined.	Who were to be Confined.	Before Confinement.	After Confinement.	Who have been Confined.	To be Confined.	At the Asylum.	At their Residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still Born.	Among Children.	Among Women.	Operations.	At the Asylum.	At their Residences.
Total,	2	3	1	82	10	72	5	7	83	177	40	37	73	1	3	1	1	4	3,715	12[illegible]
Whole No.	5		83		82		12		260		77		77			2		4	1658 9[illegible]	

There was one case of Twins.
There were three instrumental deliveries.
One child died from imperforate colon; an operation failed to relieve the condition, the imperforation being at the sigmoid flexure.
One woman died of pneumonia.

Charles S. Ward,
Resident Physi

REMARKS.

The statistics just given differ very little from those of previous years. With the exception of one death among the women, (the only one during a period of five years), the Asylum has enjoyed its usual immunity from severe illness and death.

It is gratifying to notice how marked is the improvement in the general condition of the patients after admission, a fact readily accounted for by the rest, care, diet, and improved hygienic influences which they here enjoy. This will be the more readily appreciated by those of you who have been called to minister to the sick in quarters of the city from whence we receive the greater number of our patients, where families are closely crowded in poorly ventilated and unwholesome tenements, and where the poor women are obliged to toil up to the last moment and then to go through a process in which all extra-puerperal influences of a deteriorating nature are powerful factors for evil, with the necessity oftentimes of resuming household duties on the third or fourth day after confinement. When this is considered, is it to be wondered at that there are many cases followed by most unfortunate sequelæ which under more favorable circumstances would not have resulted? It is this class of cases which furnish to our dispensaries and hospitals the large number of patients afflicted with the diseases peculiar to the sex.

Some who have heard the statistics given may wonder that a special institution of this kind does not receive more patients, but this is not a general lying-in asylum, for it is designed only to furnish to the *respectable married women,* who from any cause may need such an asylum, the comforts of a home and the benefits of enlightened care. Ample provision is made in other institutions for the care of those who, though not coming under our rule of admission, still need an asylum. The large number of such who apply here are referred elsewhere. Ours would be a very extensive work were we less restricted by our rule of admission.

A very important part of the work of the asylum is carried on in the "out-door department." In this department we are less discriminating, never refusing to care for those who having homes yet need assistance. A well-organized corps of district physicians enables us to furnish efficient aid to all who are too poor to engage a medical attendant.

Another work of the Asylum is of much importance. I refer to the effort made to furnish desirable wet nurses to all who may be in need of such special service. In this the effort of the Asylum has long been recognized and its help sought, so that it may be said that the poor and rich are alike aided according to their special needs.

Thus, hidden away from public gaze in this quiet retreat, within a stone's throw of the great artery of this metropolis, an unostentatious and beautiful charity is carried on by your efforts, the existence of which is little known except to those who, in their need, look for some such assistance as is here afforded. Though we have not the outward attractions of imposing architecture, nor the situation to command the attention of the passer-by, we are yet favorably known to the poor whose sufferings and necessities we seek to relieve, and in whose interest this work is alone prosecuted.

There yet remains for me to speak of the unwearying faithfulness of Miss Hope, whose ripe experience in all that pertains to her special duties has contributed much to the success of your work, and the ease with which it has been accomplished.

Thanks are due to the District Physicians for their faithful performance of the duties allotted to them, and the willingness with which they have at all times responded to the calls upon their valuable time.

CHAS. S. WARD,

Resident Physician.

April 17th, 1872.

The New York Asylum for Lying-in-Women, in account with Sarah B. Nevius, Treas.

Dr.		Cr.	
To paid for Groceries	$ 742.27	1871, April 19 By Balance, account rendered	$2.412.48
" " " Provisions	674.42	" Donations	4.737.58
" " " Salaries and Wages	783.00	" Subscriptions	300.00
" " " Coal	302.25	" Interest on Investments	1.982.00
" " " Flour	170.00	" Premium on Gold	135.19
" " " Matron's Mem , Wood, Soap, &c	196.60		
" " " Milk and Ice	139.98		
" " " Repairs	587.72		
" " " Dry Goods	38.60		
" " " House Cleaning	98.00		
" " " Printing, Advertising, Stationery, &c	80.00		
" " " Medicines	45.40		
" " " Gas	66.90		
" " " Safe Deposit Company	25.00		
" " " Fire Insurance	21.25		
" " " Croton Tax	20.00		
" " " 3000 Lake Shore S. F. Bd's, par & accrued Int	3.006.54		
" " " Balance to credit of new account	2.569.32		
	$9,567.25		$9,567.25
		1872, April 17 By Balance to credit new account	$2,569.32

E. E. New York, April 17th, 1872.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

DONATIONS.

From April 19th, 1871 to April 17th, 1872.

From	Mrs. Robert Smith	By	Mrs. Burchard	$ 5.00
"	Mrs. Mathew Smith	"	"	5.00
"	Mrs. C. D. Mead	"	Mrs. Hope	12.50
"	Mr. Wm. J. Bunker	"	Mrs. Nevius	50.00
"	Mrs. H. B Cauley	"	Mrs. Hope	10.00
"	Inmate	"	"	10.00
"	Mr. Daniel Knight	"	Mrs. Nevius	35.00
"	Egbert, Crawford & King	"	"	5.00
"	Legacy of Geo. & John Laurie	"	"	1,120.00
"	Mrs. J. H. Briggs	"	Mrs. Hope	3.00
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"	Mrs. Geo. Wright, (Life Member)	"	"	25.00
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"	Mrs. E. Livingston	"	"	5.00
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"	Mrs. D. J. King	"	"	5.00
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"	Mrs. Wilmerding	"	"	12.50
"	Mrs. A. V. H. Stuyvesant	"	"	5.00
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"	Mr. James Lenox	"	Mrs Mortimore	50.00
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"	Mrs. James H. Frothingham	"	"	10.00
"	Mrs. G. S. Hutchinson	"	"	5 00
"	Inmate	"	"	2.00
"	Mrs. Mactholer	"	"	5.00
"	Mr. Henry B. Renwick	"	Mrs. Emmet	50.00
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"	Mr. F. G. Gunmarais	"	"	5.00
"	Mrs. Mary E. Barker	"	"	50.00
"	Mrs. Morgan	"	"	10.00
"	Mr. Wm. Adams	"	Executor	50.00
"	Board of Apportionment N. Y. City and County			3,000.00
				$4,737.58

E. E. New York, April 17th, 1872.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

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CONSTITUTION

OF

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

ACT OF INCORPORATION, *Passed 9th March*, 1827

ART. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for lying-in women."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

ART. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

ART. IV. The managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

ART. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

ART. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

ART. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

ART. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

ART. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The board of mangers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. That the Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

Directresses

I. The First Directress shall whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

CHAPTER III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager,of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

Chapter iv.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties ; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes bfore them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objecs of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

CHAPTER VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to enquire into the behavior of the matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

CHAPTER VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physician may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

CHAPTER VIII.

Matron.

I. The managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

CHAPTER IX

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

CHAPTER X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

CHAPTER XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

CHAPTER XII.

Addenda.

I Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that day also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with gratitude and pleasure that we present this Report of the New York Asylum for Lying-in Women—at the same time our Annual Report and our semi-centennial. We look to our friends, who have so generously given encouragement and sympathy in the past, for hearty congratulations.

Our work has been prosecuted in the retiring unostentatious manner, necessary in this peculiar field of labor; but as we look at the long list of those who have here received substantial and timely aid in their hour of need, of those who have here first opened their eyes upon the world, of those who have under our direction received medical aid at their own homes, and realize (as none can realize but those who are familiar with the circumstances under which the aid we give is given) the suffering and distress to which it has been our privilege to bring relief, there can be no doubt that the work thus done places this Institution among the important charities of the city.

Our doors are open to all, irrespective of creed or nationality, the only requisite being proof of marriage.

We would gladly add to the number of inmates; but among the very class we aim to help there is an innate reluctance natural to woman, however reduced, to seek aid at such a time from public charity. The cases, however, are rare where we do not receive expressions of heartfelt gratitude, often accompanied with surprise, at the real comfort

and happiness found in the Asylum they almost dreaded to seek. We have been gratified to receive as inmates those also who having begun life within these walls return to take upon themselves the duties of maternity. Another, and not unimportant part of our work has been visiting and affording proper medical attendance to large numbers of women at their own homes. Our yearly report, the statistics of which are given elsewhere, is quite satisfactory as to work accomplished.

Four deaths have occurred during the year, two of women and two of children, a larger number than for many years previous, but occurring under such circumstances as to increase rather than diminish confidence in the sanitary condition of the house. One, a case of typhoid fever, contracted before entering, and proving fatal soon after confinement, was so carefully watched that all other inmates escaped the infection.

We are still favored in our efficient and capable Matron, Mrs. Hope, whose good judgment and experience render her eminently fitted for her post of trust.

We feel deeply our loss in the withdrawal of our resident physician, Dr. Chas. S. Ward, who has for more than three years so ably and faithfully performed the duties of that office.

Another cause for sincere regret has been the resignation of our Secretary, whose rare fitness for that position, and earnest sympathy with the work make her place one difficult to fill. We are fortunate in being able to retain the services of the other officers of the Board.

Among many acceptable donations during the year we gratefully acknowledge the appropriation of Three Thousand Dollars by the Board of Apportionment from the Excise

Fund. This donation comes to us with especial fitness, as so many of the applicants for our aid are compelled to become such through the influence, more or less direct, of intemperance.

We cannot but feel grateful for the record of the past fifty years; and hoping, not that the number of those who need the help we offer may increase, but that from the already too large number of those who do need it, more may seek what we so gladly give, and that we may gain a stronger hold upon the confidence of those for whom our sympathies and labors are ever ready. We pray that as God's blessing has rested upon us in the past, so it may go with us in the future, and that as His instruments we may be enabled to comfort and relieve many a suffering sister.

SARAH B. ANDERSON,

April, 1873. *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLE *for Year ending April 16th*, 1873.

New York ASYLUM FOR Lying-in Women.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report.		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have received care.		Number of Births at Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.		Number who have receiv'd care since foundation of Asylum.	
	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Before confinement.	After confinement.	Who have been confined.	Who are to be confined.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still-born.	Children.	Women.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.
	5	7	1	69	6	64	4	8	82	147	40	28	67	1	0	4	3	3,797	13021
Totals,	**12**		**70**		**70**		**12**		**229**		**68**		**68**			**7**		**16,818**	

Causes of death of the Women.
- Typhoid Fever, . . 1.
- Peurperal Convulsions, . 1.
- Pneumonia, ... 1.

Causes of death of the Children.
- Convulsions, . . 3.
- Atelectasis, . . 1.

There were three instrumental deliveries.

CHARLES S. WARD, *Resident Physician.*

REMARKS.

The foregoing table represents the number of cases, as well as the average amount of work for the year. These bald figures, however, cannot convey to one unacquainted with the work, the care required in cases of this kind. Nor to those unacquainted with the necessities and impoverishments of tenement-house life, more particularly the immediate accompaniments of parturition as there seen, can these plain wards and appliances testify of the high degree of comfort here secured to those admitted. They are transferred immediately from the severe routine of household life with its privations and bad hygienic conditions, to spacious and well lighted rooms, where the utmost cleanliness is enforced, with only such light work to perform as would ensure the requisite exercise, while their food is changed from the scanty and ill-prepared to that of variety and plenty. This change of surroundings invariably exhibits itself, so that usually the patient is in excellent condition at the proper time, or, at least, certainly greatly improved from her condition on entering. Beside the favorable sanitary and dietary influences, all admitted have immediate medical supervision. It will thus be seen that all influences here unite to elevate the physical as well as the moral tone of the inmates.

Though the percentage of death is somewhat increased, this is due chiefly to extrinsic causes. We have great reason to be thankful that puerperal fever, so prevalent at this season, has not numbered any of those under our care among its victims.

The constant application for admission, or for attendance at home, testifies that the Asylum still has an important field of labor, and that it fulfils its work in a manner to ensure the respect and attention of the community.

As this is the Fiftieth Anniversary, I desire to emphasize the foregoing statistics by calling attention to the final summary, which represents the number of confinements which have been directly looked after during the last fifty years by the Asylum; it is in the aggregate 16,818 (3,797 in the Asylum, and 13,021 at large).

When it is remembered that this is a charity—and, still better a *private* charity—the figures at once are greatly magnified in importance; for the Asylum has depended almost entirely upon the yearly subscriptions of its friends, and not upon State or municipal donations, The Asylum in its character, has of necessity been but little brought before the public; but its quiet work has been prosecuted in every quarter of the city, and it is best known, accordingly, amongst the class which it seeks to benefit.

The expressions of gratitude, and the little donations not infrequently made by those who have received care, as well as their subsequent return for a like service, testify of the appreciation of what is here done. A still more striking illustration may be found in an upper ward, of a woman, now with baby in arms, who was herself born here, who came seeking that care which made her mother comfortable, and did much towards nourishing the then little being who is now a joyous and healthful mother.

A point particularly deserving mention is the fact that, besides the munificent provision for care, in the dietary and the surroundings of a *home* here furnished, the Asylum has always had the best medical skill of the city at its disposal, so that its peculiar work has not been done in a half-way manner, but with the best light of science.

I desire to thank, through you, the gentlemen of the *District Staff*, for the work done incident to their position, which redounds to the credit of the Asylum as well as to themselves. Nor should we forget to mention the ever faithful Mrs. Hope, whose work here has greatly lightened the labors of the Management by her rare executive and professional ability during a period of sixteen years.

With such a record for the past, no fear for the future should exist. The Asylum is still needed, and its work will extend with the growth of the city; its possibilities for great good are still large, and its necessities only such as the Christian heart will gladly supply.

CHAS. S. WARD.

The NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-WOMEN, in account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

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To paid for	Groceries	$786 96
" "	Provisions	757 74
" "	Salary and Wages	828 00
" "	Coal	292 00
" "	Flour	142 25
" "	Matron's Mem.; Wood, Soap, etc	197 50
" "	Milk and Ice	130 55
" "	Repairs	188 98
" "	Dry Goods	85 10
" "	House Cleaning	112 43
" "	Printing, Advertising, etc	80 00
" "	Furniture	62 71
" "	Medicines and Instruments	70 00
" "	Gas	65 00
" "	Safe Deposit Co	25 00
" "	Fire Insurance	21 25
" "	Croton Tax	20 00
" "	Undertaker's Bill	16 00
" "	Invested in Bonds, with accrued interest	5,431 25
	Balance to new account	2,392 50
		$11,705 22

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1872. *April* 17.	By Balance account rendered	$2,569 52
	" Donations	5,387 92
	" Subscriptions	513 00
	" Interest on Investments	2,119 84
	" Premium on Gold	115 14
	" H. & N. H. R. R. Bonds due and paid in	1,000 00
		$11,705 22
1873. *April* 16.	By Balance to credit new account	$2,392 50

E. E. New York, *April* 16*th*, 1873.

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" Stuart, R. L..... 5
Mrs. Stevens, A. G..... 5
" Stewart, A. T.... 5
" Stevens, Alex. H..... 5

Mrs. Talbot, C. N..... 5
" Thorne, Jonathan..... 5
" Tyng, Stephen..... 5
" Thomas, T. G..... 5
" Tomes, Francis..... 5
" Vose, Richard... 5
" Walker, William..... 3
" Wisner, Wm. H..... 3
" Wright, J. Butler... . 5
" Whiting, A..... 5
' Weeks, John A..... 5
" Wotherspoon, Geo. Jr. 3
" Williams, John S..... 5
" Wilson, Harris..... 5
" Wilder, E. C..... 5
Miss Wolfe, C. L 10
Mrs. Worthington, Henry.. 5
Mr. Wotherspoon, G..... 5
Mrs. Zabriskie, C. A..... 5

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an Asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend one patient to the Asylum every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscriptions, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential services to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board, at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to enquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physician may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by the direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquor into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other service as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless in the opinion of the Attending Physician it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1874.

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" THOMAS COCK	THIRD "	Plainfield, N. J.
" JAMES BROOKS	FOURTH "	363 Fifth Ave.
" SAMUEL JAUDON	FIFTH "	
" FREDERICK JONES	SIXTH "	144 East 27th St.
" J. R. NEVIUS	TREASURER	51 West 28th St.
" HENRY H. ANDERSON	SECRETARY	24 Gramercy Park.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. G. W. SUMNER, 22 East 35th St.
" ROBERT S. BULLIS.
" THOMAS W. CLERKE, 131 E. 34th St.
" JOHN H. MORTIMER, 10 W. 32d St.
" CHAS. A. MORFORD, 39 W. 17th St.
" S. D. BURCHARD, 51 7th Ave.
" JAMES J. ROOSEVELT, 836 Broadway.
" JAS. LEE, 28 Eleventh St.
" STEPHEN TYNG, St. George's Rectory.
" W. W. JONES, 51 West 28th St.
" BEVERLY ROBINSON, Staten Island.
" JOS. H. FOSTER, 115 East 23d St.
" C. L. ATTERBURY, 25 Gramercy Park.

Mrs. A. OAKEY HALL, 42d Street.
" T. G. THOMAS, 226 Fifth Avenue.
" JAS. B. KISSAM, 145 West 48th St.
" ED. BURCKHARDT.
" BENJAMIN CURTIS, 21 Gramercy Place.
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" WM. F. CAREY, Jr., 90 Pine St.
" A. M. HAYS, 58 West 48th St.
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" FRANCIS TOMES, Greenwich.
" ISAAC H. BRONSON, 22 West 22d St.
" ADOLPH RUSCH, 24 West 21st St.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. HENRY COIT.*
" J. W. SCHMIDT.*
Mrs. D. C. COLDEN.
" OGDEN HOFFMAN.

* Deceased.

CONSULTING PHYSICIANS.

THOMAS F. COCK, M. D., 35 W. 36th St.
GURDON BUCK, M. D., 46 W. 29th St.
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WM. M. JONES, M. D., 51 West 28th St.
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RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.

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" GEORGE G. WHEELOCK, 37 W. 31st St.
" GEORGE W. ROBINSON, 184 Grand St.
" GEO. BAYLES, 47 West 46th St.
" C. BUDD, 43 West 23d St.
" J. B. REYNOLDS, 29 West 14th St.

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" GEO. M. SCHWEIG, 162 2d Ave.
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" CHAS. W. BERNACKI, 411 W. 23d St.
" GEO. W. HOLMES, 368 Broome St.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

While the winter of 1874 will long be remembered as one of great suffering and destitution among the poor, as well as among a large class who have for the first time been brought to want, it will also bear its record of large charities from a generous and sympathizing people. Many new societies for extending relief to suffering and poverty in all its forms, have been organized, and those already established have received new impulses. The problem, always a difficult one, as to how and to whom aid should be given, has been thoroughly discussed, and it is hoped results will prove not without benefit. Amid all this activity we have not been idle, and although this Asylum like many of the older and (from the very nature of its work) less prominent charities of the city, has not been among those who could publish long lists of beneficiaries, or give its record of large sums received or expended, still the statistics of the past year should not be read without gratitude to Him who has made it our privilege to minister to woman's need. More numerous than ever before among the applicants for the aid and protection which this Asylum offers, have been those whose first plea for admittance rested upon the fact that they had no other home; and we may not lightly estimate the effect upon such, of having their burden thus lightened when it seemed the heaviest, being removed from a wandering, homeless life, to where pure air, wholesome food, and the best medical attendance must exercise an influence moral and physical, as well over the little life begun within these walls, as over the mother herself.

We have had many sad cases of destitution brought under our immediate observation, but by the beautiful law of com-

pensation, have seen some noble and generous responses to those living appeals for help. The most striking instance was perhaps that of the German woman, Henrietta Rodemacher, who, having already two children in the Home for the Friendless, was here delivered of triplets. So exceptional a case seemed to demand exceptional measures for relief, and contrary to all precedent, it was deemed advisable to make the case known to the public through the medium of the press, which with ever ready liberality, published the appeal, and in a short time the Treasurer received, from various sources, the sum of four hundred dollars, besides much valuable clothing, which will place the woman above want for some time. Such liberal and prompt response, at a time when the community was under a heavy financial cloud, was a most cheering evidence of the existence of that most excellent gift of charity.

Our yearly record, though showing little material change, either in the number of patients or the general sanitary condition of the Asylum, gives abundant and satisfactory evidence of progress, and of much good accomplished, both as to the number received and treated in the Asylum, as well as in the much larger number of those receiving medical aid at their own homes. The Board of Officers remains substantially the same.

The return of Dr. Stirling, after so long an absence, is a subject of sincere congratulation.

We have also great cause for gratitude in the continuance of Mrs. Hope's service as Matron, with her efficient staff of assistants.

Through the liberality of Mrs. Emmet and Mrs. Roosevelt, the inmates were supplied with a bountiful dinner on Thanksgiving and Christmas day; other valuable donations in money, &c., are gratefully acknowledged.

One very important feature of this years' record, has been the fact that while the prevalence of a terrible epidemic has left many motherless infants, this Asylum, under Providence, has been mercifully spared a single visitation, and has been able to supply the mother's care to those so suddenly deprived of it. This fact alone should be considered sufficient evidence that the Asylum holds no unimportant place among our City Charities.

With sentiments of tenderness, we record the death of two of our most cherished and devoted friends—friends almost from the organization of the Institution. Mrs. Henry Coit's valuable services cover a period of nearly forty-four years,—as secretary and treasurer, promoting its interest and welfare by every means in her power, and retiring only from it by advancing age.

Mrs. I. W. Schmidt became manager forty years ago. As our courteous and efficient first directress for twenty-three years, she cannot be forgotten; her council and efforts in our behalf, won the esteem and confidence of her associates. Of such it is written, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

SARAH B. ANDERSON,

Secretary.

April, 1874.

STATISTICAL TABLE *for Year ending April 15th*, 1874.

New York Asylum FOR Lying-in Women.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report.		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have receiv'd care		Number of Births at Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.		Number who have receiv'd care since foundation of Asylum.	
	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Before confinement.	After confinement.	Who have been confined.	Who are to be confined.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still-born.	Women.	Children.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.
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TOTALS,	**12**		**94**		**88**		**13**		**276**		**88**		**88**			**2**		**17,093**	

Cause of death of the Woman: Pneumonia.

There were three instrumental deliveries.

Twins were born in two instances.

Triplets " " one instance.

Cause of death of the Child: Feeble Vitality.

T. B. STIRLING, M. D., *Resident Physician.*

REMARKS.

It affords me peculiar gratification to have the honor of again presenting the Annual Medical Report of the New York Asylum for Lying-in Women, after an absence of four years. It is no less a source of gratification, but not of surprise, to learn that the same traditional prosperity and success have attended its operation during this long interval.

This successful operation, has continued long enough and steadily enough to lead to the conviction, that not only has the management of the institution been admirable in itself, but that the principles on which it is established are the proper ones, for the peculiar objects which it proposes to acomplish.

This has struck me with more force, and is uppermost in my mind in making this report,—from having recently seen and examined many similar institutions in different countries, and compared their results. The almost absolute immunity of this one from puerperal epidemics, so frequent in other institutions, and even in the practice of private practitioners of this and other great cities, cannot fail to arrest attention.

How has this been brought about? Certainly not by the use of any unusual or extraordinary measures; but simply by doing what we propose to do, on rational principles, and with a singleness of aim to accomplish that and nothing more. To examine the details of this process, we must first look at the locality. Now as to the site, we can see nothing peculiarly favorable in it. The most that would be said, is that it is certainly conveniently placed with reference to the class for whose benefit it is designed. It is in the midst of a dense population, and near to the crowded habitations of the poorest of the city. The quarter has indeed greatly changed in character, since the selection of a site was first made, and doubtless chosen for its retirement, as well as for its elevation, and well drained sandy soil. This choice has been justified by the results, for it has been proved, on the whole, to be a remarkably

healthy dwelling. It is well sheltered from changing blasts, and hidden away from external noise and annoyances, free from dampness and bad drainage, and by reason of the amplitude of its upper unoccupied part, easily accessible to complete ventilation. True, it has not all the labor-saving appliances and conveniences, now deemed indispensable in all well appointed modern structures, designed for the accommodation of the sick; hence it demands, and of course receives, constant vigilance in maintaining the invariable purity, which is the habitual condition of its wards.

Its small capacity is another favorable circumstance, for it is thus easily, without overstraining anxiety, kept within the control of the management, and within their ability to supply with abundance and with the best, and at the minimum of expense; and this plenitude of nourishment, is of the utmost necessity in this class of the sick. Yet there is no waste of material; hence the great moderation of expenditure, as I have had occasion to verify this winter, so that it is considered to rank amongst the less expensive of all the city charities, in proportion to the numbers benefitted by its benevolent aid.

Another important feature, is its complete separation from all Hospital connections, and from all large aggregation of persons sick or well, under the same roof. To obtain this end, would of itself be good reason for establishing a number of similar small institutions, in preference to forming one grand establishment, sufficient to meet the exigencies of great cities like New York, where the poor are huddled together in immense unwholesome tenements. And if a much greater number of poor women could thereby be induced to resort to such small home-like Asylums, it would diminish the danger now attendant upon the parturient condition in this city, amongst rich and poor. For under the circumstances that usually attend this process amongst the poor of New York, the wonder is, not that puerperal fever is so frequently epidemic, but that so many escape the contagion. A very little familiarity with the facts, should convince the most sceptical of this, and this fever once generated, who can tell us into what house it may not find its way?

But to pursue our examination, we next notice that the short season, usually passed in the house before confinement, makes the

greatest difference in the health of the patients; they have been transferred from impure air, and a laborious, distracting, ill-fed, uncleanly course of life, to the pure atmosphere, cleanliness, regularity and rest of the Asylum, with its abundance and comfort. The change naturally acts most favorably in the subsequent labors.

Again the rule, restricting the benefits of the Asylum to needy respectable married women, cuts off a large class whose demoralized condition renders them less capable of meeting successfully the many accidents likely to occur. These persons frequently applying, are always kindly directed and aided in finding the institutions adapted to their case.

And again, the fact that the recommendation of the Asylum is held to be so valuable by those who propose to accept positions of wet nurses, so important a want in this community, attracts a large proportion of that class; and these are likely to be of superior physical constitution and health.

To sum up then, the success of the institution may fairly be attributed to its salubrious position; the smallness of its capacity; the excellent interior management, as regards hygiene, etc.; the preparatory care taken of the patients; the rules of admission, leading to favorable selection in point of health; and above all to its complete isolation from hospital connections, and exemption from over-crowding.

This fifty-first year differs little from the fifty preceding, in the average run of the statistics, given above in a tabulated form; showing 106 women cared for in the house, 170 outside, 276 cases in all. In the house, one death occurred of the women; not from any puerperal disease, but from advanced phthisis, of which she was dying at the time of entrance.

The most interesting event of the year, is the appearance for the first time in the Asylum, of three children at one birth, all living; a sufficiently rare occurrence, seeing that it is the only case in over 17,000 which have been recorded on its books.

At first, it seemed to be a too onerous blessing imposed on the poor mother, who with her five children, had to rely upon her own labor solely. But the active humanity of the ladies of the management, seconded by their able lieutenant, Mrs. Hope, quickly

made the benevolent public aware of the case, and its responsive generosity, and notably that of German ladies, who promptly came forward to assist, soon enabled the ladies to do what was deemed necessary for the triplets and their mother.

Without the house, the able corps of District Physicians have always, as usual, been cheerfully prompt and efficient in rendering gratuitous assistance to all, without restriction or condition, and deserve the thanks of the management.

Mrs. Hope's self-denying and skillful devotion, is so well known and appreciated by you, as to be beyond praise. She makes all our labors comparatively light.

Dr. Anway, who relieved my amiable and accomplished successor, and now predecessor, Dr. Ward, during the first half of this year, performed the duties of Resident, ably and to the satisfaction of all, withdrawing to enrich his experience in connection with a medical position in the Charity Hospital.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.,

Resident Physician.

The NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN-WOMEN, in account with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

DR.

To paid for Groceries	$781 80
" " Provisions	765 42
" " Salary and Wages	842 00
" " Coal	300 00
" " Flour	162 00
" " Matron's Mem.; Wood, etc	183 99
" " Milk and Ice	152 90
" " Repairs	399 72
" " Dry Goods	81 43
" " House Cleaning	84 79
" " Printing, Advertising, etc	87 50
" " Medicines	35 31
" " Gas	67 62
" " Safe Deposit	25 00
" " Croton Tax	20 00
" " Fire Insurance	21 25
" " Special for 50th Anniversary	120 80
Balance to new account	3,373 60
	$7,505 13

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1873. *April* 16.	By Balance to account rendered	$2,392 50
	" Donation from Corporation of N. Y. City	1,560 00
	" Donations	685 00
	" Subscriptions	498 00
	" Interest on Investments	2,318 00
	" Premiums on Gold	110 63
		$7,505 13
1874. *April* 15.	Balance to new account	$3,373 60

E. E. NEW YORK, *April* 15, 1874.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, *Treasurer.*

DONATIONS

From April 16th, 1873, to April 15th, 1874.

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OF THE

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ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an Asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board ; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscriptions, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients in every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential service to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate ; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part ; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society ; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum, and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity ; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and, in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physician may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other service as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless, in the opinion of the Attending Physician, it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting this, the Fifty-second Annual Report of the "New York Asylum for Lying-in Women," there is little to call for special remark beyond the usual record of patients received, treated, and sent out again strengthened and encouraged to resume their struggle for life. But may it not be that even in this quiet routine, unbroken by death, with but few cases of unusual sickness, and a larger number of births than for many years, there is abundant cause for gratitude to Him without whose blessing we cannot hope to prosper, and encouragement to believe that under His blessing great good is being accomplished?

Perhaps never before has the social scale represented by those applying here for aid, covered so wide a range, embracing as it has all classes, from those who have been taken in some instances almost literally from the street and from actual starvation, to those who while for the first time unable to pay for the requisite care and attendance at their own homes have gratefully sought it here, recipients evidently for the first time of public charity, which while accepted hesitatingly, has been acknowledged gratefully at their departure.

One note-worthy feature among the cases brought under our observation, has been the fact that in one or two instances women, after becoming inmates of the Asylum, have confessed to great dread of their confinement, owing to previous distress and suffering arising, as they were convinced, from organic difficulty. In each instance these fears have proved groundless, and they have left well and strong, one of them having been selected as the best nurse at that time in the Asylum. How different might have been the result had they received at their own houses indifferent medical attendance, or perhaps none.

The outside work of visiting women who are for any reason unable to come to the Asylum, is carried on as usual and is in itself no unimportant branch of the city's charities.

It is surely a matter of congratulation, that while this winter has been one of unusual severity, marked by its long death-roll, including those of all classes and ages, this Asylum with less than the ordinary appliances for comfort and convenience of modern hospitals or private houses, has been almost wholly exempt from disease and death. In this connection too much praise cannot be awarded to the resident physician, Dr. Stirling, so ably seconded by the matron, Mrs. Hope, for his rigid requirement of abundant ventilation, wholesome food and scrupulous cleanliness.

The inmates are indebted as usual to Mrs. Emmet and Mrs. Roosevelt for kind and substantial remembrance on Christmas and Thanksgiving Day. Other donations, elsewhere recorded, are gratefully acknowledged, notably acceptable among these is the appropriation of one thousand dollars ($1000) from the Excise Fund. This with all other sums received we are fortunate in being able to transfer to the hands of a Treasurer so able and efficient.

We would render a tribute to the memory of our late Manager, Mrs. Isaac H. Bronson, who died last July after a brief illness. Though not associated with us many years, yet her tender consideration for the poor, the deep interest she felt for the institution, and her gentleness, endeared her to us. We shall miss her and deplore "our loss, which to her is gain."

In thus obeying the Divine command, "Bear ye one another's burdens," have we not also the Divine assurance, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

SARAH B. ANDERSON,

Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE *for Year ending April 20th,* 1875.

New York Asylum FOR Lying-in Women.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report.		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have receiv'd care		Number of Births at Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.		Number who have receiv'd care since foundation of Asylum.	
	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Before confinement.	After confinement.	Who have been confined.	Who are to be confined.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still-born.	Women.	Children.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.
	3	10	0	106	17	90	5	7	119	180	52	43	93	1	1	0	1	4,021	13370
TOTALS,	**13**		**106**		**107**		**12**		**299**		**95**		**95**			**1**		**17,392**	

Cause of death of the Child: Hemorrhage of the Cord.

There were three instrumental deliveries.

T. B. STIRLING, M. D., *Resident Physician.*

REMARKS.

To these few simple figures, very little need be added by way of remark or emphasis. They bear upon their face the aspect that we have become accustomed to, in the Asylum, of an almost total absence of exciting, or rather, unusual medical events. The Asylum has pursued the even tenor of its way, doing its habitual work in its quiet, unostentatious manner, without contributing anything to the store of marvelous or extraordinary experiences, that so attract the attention of the general public.

Its beneficiaries have come in, as in past years, downcast, desponding, and harassed with apprehensions of the ordeal before them, in their helpless and friendless poverty, and have passed out again, after a few weeks, in better health and condition, their hearts lightened by the smiling and healthy infants in their arms, and happier even for the increase that had been added to their burdens.

Everything has worked regularly and normally. There have been no accidents, no plural or monstrous births; no deaths; only three instrumental deliveries, and but one of these can be said to have been unavoidable. There was but one very serious case—a post partum hemorrhage; and I mention this only to give due credit to the prompt efficiency and skill of Mrs. Hope. It is but the simple truth to state, that to her courage, and knowledge, and presence of mind, in one of the most fearful emergencies that can arise in child-birth, one of the patients of this year owes her life once, and it might also be added, a second time, in being tenderly and assiduously nursed into health and strength again out of almost hopeless prostration, the consequence of the terrific loss of blood.

This is another example of how much the noticeable exemption of the Asylum from the usual percentage of fatal accidents in labor, is due to the fidelity and experienced vigilance of the personnel of the establishment.

I think it may be truthfully said, that this house has demonstrated the true model on which the future obstetrical hospitals should be planned, and it seems to me, this is the opportune moment to bring this fact prominently forward, when the erection of large, imposing structures are in contemplation, such as have been abundantly shown to be both unweildy, expensive, and full of dangerous evils, that go on increasing and accumulating from year to year, whilst in this small establishment there has been attained the maximum of efficiency with the minimum of cost. This fact has come to be appreciated by the best informed and wisest of those who are in a position to influence the public mind, and it is to be hoped that through their counsels, the good example will not be lost.

Several such establishments might be maintained, in different quarters of the city, more serviceable and less costly than one great affair, and thus the necessities of every class might be readily and economically met.

In view, therefore, of this Asylum being probably well placed, as far as regards the public wants, for some time to come, it is a matter of congratulation with all interested in its welfare, that the attention of the Managers has been fully enlisted in an endeavor to improve the condition of the building. It needs to be thoroughly overhauled and repaired. And then, a great many things could be supplied in its internal arrangements, which were not known or deemed essential fifty years ago, to facilitate the labors of employés, and which the well-being of the patients requires. The Asylum has rendered so substantial a service to the public for over fifty years, that an appeal for funds to put it in a condition to continue that service efficiently might be made with good grace, and should be promptly and generously responded to, as is the wont of the nobly charitable people of New York.

I have noticed that the number of applications for the services of the District Physicians has not been so great for several years past, as formerly. Only conjectural explanations can be given of this fact. At one time this institution was the only one in the city that furnished gratuitous medical aid of that character at the homes of the patients. Now there are a great many places—

cliniques, colleges, and institutions where help of this kind is furnished almost or altogether gratuitously. These supply nearly all of the city above 14th Street, and most of the calls upon us come from the lower wards.

Then again, the supply of medical men, midwives, nurses and others, has vastly increased, and good assistance may be thus obtained at rates within the compass of all who are not utterly destitute. This last year only 180 such applications were made at the Asylum, whilst at one time the figures reached as high as 600 a year.

Still, our corps of District Physicians remains most willing and ready to supply their services to any who may require them, in any part of the city, and for their gratuitous labors during the past year, they deserve the thanks of the Management.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. B. STIRLING, M. D.

Resident Physician.

April 20th, 1875.

NOTE.—Whilst correcting the last proofs, intelligence has been received of the death of Dr. FOSTER SWIFT, one of the Attending Physicians of the Asylum, an event long sorrowfully expected by his numerous devoted friends. He belonged to the finest type of manhood, intellectually and morally; protracted ill-health alone preventing him from achieving the highest position among the best medical practitioners of the day.

From the earliest dawnings of his professional ambitions, he entertained none but the noblest impulses and aspirations. Of perfect purity of life and conversation,—of the utmost refinement and modesty of manner and bearing,—of a charming humor and tenderness of heart, and of rare intellectual and social accomplishments, he made himself highly prized as a friend and companion. Still his great manliness and strength of character enabled him to turn unostentatiously but decidedly away from every sham, every falsity or impurity of manifestation, in either professional, social or public relations.

There is no space here for the eulogy he merits, or to enlarge upon the loss, the Asylum, his profession and his country have sustained in this early closing of a career that opened with so bright a promise; but the many accomplished pens among the friends who knew and loved him so well, will not suffer his talents and his virtues to go unrecorded.

T. B. S.

May 28th.

The NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, in acc't with SARAH B. NEVIUS, Treasurer.

DR.

To paid for	Groceries	$798 44
" "	Provisions	787 45
" "	Salary and Wages	866 00
" "	Coal and Wood	319 50
" "	Flour	195 00
" "	Matron's Mem., &c	178 43
" "	Milk and Ice	177 56
" "	Repairs	336 26
" "	Furniture and Dry Goods	71 10
" "	House Cleaning	92 00
" "	Printing, Revenue Stamps, &c	87 50
" "	Medicines	58 70
" "	Gas	77 88
" "	Safe Deposit Company	25 00
" "	Fire Insurance	21 25
" "	Croton Tax	20 00
" "	Board for Patient in the country	29 00
" "	Investment	1,020 00
	Balance to new account	2,946 06
		$8,107 13

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1874. *April 15th.*	By Balance to account rendered	$3,373 60
	" Donation from Corporation of N. Y. City.	1,000 00
	" Donations	808 20
	" Subscriptions	432 00
	" Interest on Investments	2,388 00
	" Premium on Gold	105 33
		$8,107 13
1875. *April 21st.*	Balance to new account	$2,946 06

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From April 15th, 1874, to April 21st, 1875.

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Board of Apportionment of N. Y. City			1,000 00
			$1,808 20

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations, and skilful medical attendance to reputable females, who desire an Asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscriptions, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time, shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients in every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential service to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate ; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part ; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order, who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society ; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

The officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager, of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the Institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum, and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness and good conduct in discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in and about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity ; they are also to enquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and, in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants or patients, shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offender to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able, shall assist in nursing others, and in such other service as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless, in the opinion of the Attending Physician, it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting on the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary's reading a portion of Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The appointment of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration. which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be offered.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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THE FIFTY-~~FIRST~~ Third ANNUAL REPORT.

THE fifty-~~first~~ third Annual Report of the Asylum for Lying-in-Women is herewith presented to the friends and patrons of the Institution.

The statistics for the year show a list of 101 women received into the asylum, 95 children born here, and 238 women having received free medical treatment at their own homes. There has been little sickness and but one death, that of an infant, occurring almost immediately after birth. There is little call for comment in presenting this record—but much for gratitude on the part of those who have here received needed aid at a time and in a manner best calculated to conduce to the future health and happiness of themselves and their offspring, in the good nursing, healthful food, cleanly surroundings, and sound medical treatment here afforded, and also for even more of gratitude on our part that we, under a kind Providence, have been allowed thus freely to minister to our less favored sisters, blessed to an unusual degree with immunity from disease and death, as well as from other disturbing causes to which all such institutions are more or less subject.

While the Board of Managers remains substantially the same, we cannot omit brief mention of our own personal loss in the death of two of our managers, Mrs. W. W. Jones and Mrs. James I. Roosevelt, women whose sympathy with this work was warm and earnest, and whose loss will be keenly felt by all who were associated with them.

The withdrawal from the Board of Mrs. T. C. Bunting is also a source of sincere regret.

The Asylum building has been fully renovated during the past year, all painting, repairing and plumbing necessary to

preserve the usual degree of purity in ventilation, drainage, &c., having been thoroughly done.

The Matron, Mrs. Hope, with her able corps of assistants, maintains throughout the building the same order and cleanliness, to the influence of which, in keeping at so high a standard our health record, too much importance cannot be attached.

Simple as is our table of statistics, and uniform even to monotony the daily life within these walls, we may with pleasure reflect that to those familiar with and active in this work, these figures represent many a breaking heart and wearied body, just ready to succumb under the heavy load (the heaviest and saddest for woman to bear alone), but here reviving and putting on fresh courage for the struggle which is the almost inevitable lot of those who go out from here—and let us hope with a better knowledge of Him who asks as one proofs of discipleship that we bear one another's burdens.

SARAH B. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

NEW YORK, *April*, 1876.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 19TH, 1876.

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report.		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have received care.		Number of Births at Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.		Number who have received care since foundation of Asylum.		Nativity.		
	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Before confinement.	After confinement.	Who have been confined.	Who are to be confined.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still-born.	Women.	Children.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.	Country.	Fathers.	Mothers.
	5	7	0	101	7	97	6	3	113	238	49	46	93	1	1	0	1	4,134	15,222	Norway,	1	0
																				Austria,	2	0
																				Prussia,	4	2
																				Scotland,	2	3
																				England,	8	13
																				U. States,	35	28
																				Ireland,	42	48
TOTALS,	12		101		101		9		351		95		95			1		19,356			94	94

Cause of death of the Child: Uræmic Convulsions, three weeks after birth.

There were four instrumental deliveries.

T. B. STIRLING, M.D., *Resident Physican.*

REMARKS.

The medical history of each succeeding year seems so much of a repetition of the previous one, that it appears to be superfluous to present anything further than these tabulated facts. I can only repeat the words of the last report; "everything has worked regularly and normally. There have been no accidents, no deaths among the patients," with the exception of an infant three weeks old, feeble from birth, from uræmic convulsions; one case of twin births, and four easy instrument deliveries.

Mrs. Hope continues to pervade the establishment with undiminished vigór and efficiency. The corps of district physicians have continued to render prompt and hearty service whenever required. The outdoor cases having largely increased during the year, presents a fact suggestive of the prevailing industrial distress. Notice also has been attracted to the presence in the wards of native-born beneficiaries in greater proportion than in former years. This has led to the addition of the item "nativity" to the usual statistical table in this report, to put this fact in a striking light. It will be noticed that, of the parents of the infants born in the Asylum during the last year, over thirty-three per cent. were natives of the United States, *i. e.*, these are second in point of numbers in regard to nationality. One of these fathers was born in the Asylum.

These facts harmonize with others that are to be met with on every side, which indicate that destitution among the native population is largely on the increase, and is very much to be regretted.

No means of inquiring into the cause of this have presented; but perhaps the Ladies' Committees have taken notice of this

in their preliminary inquiries into the circumstances of the applicants for admission. It would be interesting to know whether this is merely a temporary condition, owing, perhaps, to the derangement of industries, or whether there are grounds for assigning the cause to an essential depreciation of the public morale, and consequent social well-being of this class. I apprehend that it partly belongs to both causes; and, if so, it is very suggestive, and worthy of further observation and elucidation. The practical duties pressing upon philanthropists may be in some degree affected thereby.

The management is to be congratulated on the renovation and thorough repair of the exterior of the building. It will enable this now venerable structure to make quite a respectable appearance in its centennial photograph, amongst the numerous noble and monumental piles that have been reared and dedicated to the use of the suffering in our city, since the foundations of this institution were laid.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. STIRLING, M.D.,

April 19, 1876. *Resident Physician.*

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

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" 4,000 Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, with commission	4,400 00			
Balance to new account	3,413 85			
	$13,549 37			$13,549 37
		1876. April 19. Balance to new account		$3,413 85

E. E., New York, April 19, 1876.

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New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New-York Asylum for Lying-in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations and skilful attendance to reputable females, who desire an Asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a

member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscriptions, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients in every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential service to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal, by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directressses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Assylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in

the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in-Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum, and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in or about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and, in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that

the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offenders to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless, in the opinion of the Attending Physician, it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting of the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary reading a portion of the Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The report of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be afforded.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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" BACHE McEVERS	SECOND "	Staten Island.
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" JOHN H. MORTIMER	SIXTH "	10 West 32d St.
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" HENRY H. ANDERSON	SECRETARY	24 Gramercy Park.

MANAGERS.

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

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THOS. B. STIRLING, M.D.

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" THOS. J. I. FORD, 429 W. 51st St.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Report of The New York Asylum for Lying-in Women is herewith presented, with no specially new features and little to call for remark, but, as always before, with a deep sense of gratitude to that Providence to whose protecting care we owe our prosperity as an institution, and our privilege of aiding and comforting those in doing for whom we have the assurance of Our Blessed Lord that we do it also unto Him.

There have been during the year 125 permits issued to women, of whom 73 were Roman Catholics and 52 Protestants. Ninety-nine children have been born, of whom three have died. A number have gone from here well endorsed nurses. Among the mothers there have been no deaths and but little unusual sickness. The condition of the Asylum building calls for no comment. Those who know the efficiency of our Matron, Mrs. Hope, need no assurance of the thoroughness of the ventilation, the faultless cleanliness of the house, and general strictness with which all sanitary rules are enforced. Those who are not familiar with these will accept our remarkable immunity from death and disease as abundant testimony.

The finances of the Asylum, ably managed by our Treasurer, are by no means discouraging, for while our list of subscribers is from various causes sensibly reduced, we would gratefully acknowledge a liberal appropriation from the Excise Fund, having received more than a thousand dollars from both the outgoing and incoming City Comptrollers. This aid from the city is most acceptable, and there seems a special fitness in the appropriation, from the fact that the

Asylum opens its doors gratuitously to all, irrespective of creed or nationality.

While our Board of Managers remains substantially the same, we record with sadness the removal by death of two managers, Mrs. C. K. Garrison, whose sudden death early in the winter deprived not only this but other active charities of a ready hand and warm, sympathizing heart. Mrs. James Lee, for nearly twenty years a member of the Board, during the earlier years one of the most efficient workers, and though later forced to relinquish this by advancing age and failing health, never losing her deep interest in the Asylum and its work.

By the law of compensation our Board, though feeling deeply these losses, has been increased by the addition of four new managers, some of whom are well initiated and may be already numbered among the workers.

Dr. Sterling still fills the post of Resident Physician, his skilful care and unremitting attention gratefully appreciated by the patients and the Board of Managers.

Donations in money, food, clothing, etc., are always acceptable; those kindly sent during the year will be elsewhere specially noticed.

Trusting that greater numbers of those whom this Asylum is intended to relieve may find their way to its shelter, and believing that as the claims upon us increase, the means for answering them will also grow, we submit this report, owning our dependence in all our labors upon Him "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift," that by His inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by His merciful guidance perform the same.

Sarah B. Anderson,

Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE—Medical Report for Year ending April 17th, 1877.

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report.		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have received care.		Number of Births at Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.		Number who have received care since foundation of Asylum.	
	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Before confinement.	After confinement.	Who have been confined.	Who are to be confined.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still-born.	Women.	Children.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.
	6	3	0	108	6	98	6	12	117	334	52	47	96	1	2	2	1	4,251	15,558
TOTALS,	9		108		99		18		451		99		99			3		19,809	

Nativity.		
Country.	Fathers.	Mothers.
Lapland,	1	0
West Indies,	1	0
Norway,	1	0
Sweden,	3	2
Germany,	5	4
Switzerland,	1	1
Scotland,	1	1
England,	4	2
U. States,	36	32
Ireland,	40	51
France,	3	3
	96	95

Cause of death of the Child: Paralysis of Heart two weeks after birth.
Cause of death of the Mothers: Acute Gastritis, 1; Acute Nephritis, 1.
There were eight instrumental deliveries.

T. B. STIRLING, M.D., *Resident Physician.*

REMARKS.

Notwithstanding the slight increase in the death-rate, as shown in the foregoing table, we may still claim for the Asylum another year of unbroken prosperity, and of its usual immunity from epidemic disease.

There have been ninety-nine children during the year, amongst them three sets of twins. Of the ninety-nine, two were still-born, and one was feeble from birth, having been resuscitated from a condition of asphyxia, consequent upon a protracted labor of seventy-two hours.

Of the two mothers who died, one was the first patient who entered the Asylum after the last annual report. She had been ill for some time before entrance, and was in labor when admitted. For days before, she had been subject to constant vomitings, and of epigastric distress and pain, which might be accounted for by upward pressure, aggravated by her occupation as an operator. These symptoms still continued after delivery, and it was found difficult to form a theory to account satisfactorily for her condition, which took the form of acute gastritis purely. There was no sign of uræmia, nor of septicæmia, nor of peritonitis, in the slightest degree. She died purely of exhaustion on the fifth day after confinement, and no autopsy was permitted by the relatives. Facts, however, in her previous history, subsequently acquired, pointed strongly to the disastrous action of drugs—self-administered—upon the coats of the stomach, and giving rise to the fatal gastritis.

The cause of death in the other case is more intimately connected with the puerperal state, viz.: uræmic poisoning. The first symptoms did not appear until the eighth day after confinement. Then the disease pursued its regular and rapid march of malaise, headache, vomitings, convulsions, hemiplegia, coma, exhaustion, and finally death on the fourteenth day after confinement.

Thus you will see that there has been no puerperal fever nor peritonitis among the patients during the past year;

none of those disastrous diseases which may be looked for at any time in such an institution, derived for the most part by contagion from each other, from the attendants, or from the house itself. For this we should be thankful, and may feel assured that the proper work of the institution has been prosecuted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

And here it is proper to add, that for this exceedingly exceptional result in such an establishment, I can only repeat what has been so often stated in former reports, we are entirely indebted to the orderly management of the house and motherly care of the patients, maintained so uniformly and steadily by the Matron, Mrs. Hope.

Of the three confined women remaining in the house at last report, and the ninety-six who have been since confined, ninety-one have gone out, carrying ninety-three healthy children, and six remain, with six children equally healthy; so that the two still-born and one death were offset by the overplus provided by three sets of twins.

The district physicians have been more than usually called upon. They have given their services cheerfully and promptly to three hundred and thirty-four women at their homes during the year, and have thus again earned the thanks of the management.

In the death of Dr. Gurdon Buck, the Medical Board has to record the loss of its most distinguished member. He sleeps full of years and full of labors. His fitting eulogy we are not called upon to attempt on the present occasion. The entire profession, of which he was the pride; the city of his birth, that owes so much to his continuous labors in her medical charities; and the church that he so much loved and adorned, have all risen in turn to do honor to his memory. He was one of those sturdy pillars of the social fabric that are so essential to its healthful existence, but which in the onward march of time must come to be removed. And the whole public economy is necessarily so arranged as to supply their places with many of the feebler sort, when the inevitable call comes from the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. B. Stirling, M.D.,
Resident Physician.

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

Dr.		1876.		*Cr.*
To paid for Provisions	$879 82	April 19.	By balance to new account	$3,413 85
" Groceries	769 68		" Appropriation from "Exciso Fund," by Comp	3,210 00
" Salaries and Wages	878 00		" Donation from Mrs. Alex. T. Stewart,	1,500 00
" Coal and Wood	323 20		" 70 per cent. on Legacy of Mrs. I. S. Cochran	350 00
" Flour	169 45		" Donations	292 00
" Matron's Mem., etc	199 27		" Interest on Investments	2,388 00
" Milk and Ice	168 14		" Premium on Gold	88 00
" Repairs	97 00		" Subscriptions	382 00
" Furniture and Dry Goods	82 11			
" Printing and Advertising, etc	75 66			
" House-cleaning	63 00			
" Gas	72 50			
" Medicines	39 97			
" Safe Deposit Co	25 00			
" Fire Insurance	21 25			
" Croton Water Tax	20 00			
" Undertaker	27 50			
" Infant Asylum, for Care of Patients	25 00			
" Investment	4,000 00			
Balance to new account	3,687 30			
	$11,623 85			$11,623 85
		1877. April 18.	Balance to new account	$3,687 30

E. E., New York, April 18, 1877.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

DONATIONS

From April 19, 1876, *to April* 18, 1877.

Mrs. C. N. Black, by Mrs. Hope	$3 00
" F. B. Alexander, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" Sheldon B. Shaw, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" E. C. C., by Mrs. Nevius	15 00
" Alex. T. Stewart, by Mrs. Nevius	1,500 00
" Wm. R. McCready, by Mrs. Nevius	10 00
" C. D. Mead, by Mrs. Hope	20 00
" Silas C. Hay, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" I. E. Abbott, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" Ed. Lynch, by Mrs. Emmet	5 00
" Henry E. Pierrepont, Jr., by Mrs. Hope	10 00
" G. S. Allen, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
Appt. of Excise Fund by Comptroller	1,605 00
Anonymous, by Mrs. Nevius	5 00
Mrs. Franklin Woodruff, by Mrs. Hope	10 00
" McM., by Mrs. Nevius	5 00
" Lewisohne, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
Dr. Thos. F. Cock, by Mrs. Nevius	25 00
Mrs. Jas. McCall, by Mrs. Nevius	10 00
" R. S. Bullus, by Mrs. Emmet	25 00
Bonesteel & Winchell, by Mrs. Hope	1 00
Mrs. Freith, by Mrs. Hope	1 00
2d Appt. of Excise Fund by Comptroller	1,605 00
Mrs. Wm. F. Lowe, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
40 per ct. on Legacy of Mrs. I. S. Cochran	200 00
Mrs. Minturn Post, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" Martin Herz, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" M. E. Barker, by Mrs. Hope	50 00
" Wm. Morgan, by Mrs. Hope	2 00
30 per ct. on Legacy of Mrs. I. S. Cochran	150 00
Mrs. Wm. Adams, by Mrs. Emmet	50 00
	$5,352 00

DONATIONS OTHER THAN MONEY.

Mrs. White, 2 barrels of apples.
Mrs. McCall, infants' clothing.
Mrs. Curtis, infants' clothing.
Mrs. Anderson, infants' clothing.
Mrs. Anderson, 6 infants' shirts.
Mrs. Ward, 12 infants' socks.
Young Lady, through Mrs. Emmet, 12 infants' sacques, 12 infants' shirts, and 12 prs. of socks.
Woman's Benevolent Society of Calvary Church, 21 night-gowns, 5 chemises.
Mrs. Emmet, Thanksgiving dinner.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Benefactors, by contributing Fifty Dollars and upwards.

Mr. Astor, John Jacob
" Austin, David
" Alley, Saul
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" Brown, Silas
" Burr, Isaac
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" Dunscomb, E.
Mr. Douglas, George.
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" Field, Moses
" Field, Hickson W.
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" Griswold, George
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" Haines, R. T.
" Heard, James
" Halstead, William H.
" Ibbotson, Henry
" Johnson, John
" Johnson, John T.
Miss Jay.
Mr. Lawrence, Isaac
" Lawrence, C. W.
" Lovett, James
" Lorillard, Jacob
" Lorillard, George
" Leggett, Samuel
" Lee, Gideon
" Lenox, James
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Dr. Nelson, John
" Post, Wright
Mr. Peters, John R.
" Peters, Absalom
" Phelps, Anson G.
" Remsen, Peter
" Rhinelander, N. C.
" Ralli, Theo. J.
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" Strong, George W.
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Patrons, by the contribution of Fifty Dollars.

Mrs. Potter, Ellis
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" Cock, Thomas F.
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" Rose.
" Renwick, Henry B.

HONORARY MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

By the contribution of Twenty-Five Dollars.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New York Asylum for Lying-in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations and skilful attendance to reputable females who desire an Asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients in every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential service to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal, by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in

the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in-Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum, and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in or about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and, in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that

the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offenders to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless, in the opinion of the Attending Physician, it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting of the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary reading a portion of the Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The report of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be afforded.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Managers of this Asylum present their Fifty-fifth Annual Report, acknowledging with gratitude assistance and encouragement from friends and patrons, grateful also for freedom from debt, for entire harmony among ourselves, and above all, grateful for the work we have been permitted to accomplish.

This work has been carried on during the year as usual, quietly but thoroughly. The average number of women have been received into the Asylum, and a large number of those unable to leave their homes have received there the necessary attendance and advice. All this in each case being without charge, the only requisite for admittance being a marriage certificate, and a recommendation from some responsible person.

Owing probably to the unusual destitution among the lower classes, there has been a much poorer condition of health among the women admitted than is usual, and a consequent failure in the vigor of the children born here. The deaths—of which there were one of mothers and four of infants, and three still-born—occurring in the early part of the winter, were the result of some organic trouble or of the wasted condition of the system existing previous to entrance into the Asylum.

Later in the winter a woman in destitute circumstances and very sick came in the night to seek admission, which of course was not refused. She was found to be in a diseased condition, and had a long and serious sickness. This was soon followed by another similar case, supposed to be the result of contagion, but soon pronounced by the doctors puer-

peral, though in a modified form. Those women who could leave were at once sent to their homes, where they received an appropriation from the Asylum fund and an order for the services of a district physician, and no other permits were issued; but eight women were obliged to remain, who, one after another, were smitten with the disease; all were desperately ill, but all recovered, and too much credit cannot be awarded to the care and watchfulness of the doctor, as well as to the thoroughness and fidelity with which Mrs. Hope and her assistants performed every detail of the arduous duties devolving upon them. While regretting this sickness and the enforced temporary closing of our doors, there is surely reason for increased confidence in the management and sanitary condition of our Asylum, that such a sickness can have been among us and left us without fatal results.

Those seeking aid here represent all shades of want, from the abject poor to those who, having heretofore earned a comfortable support, have this winter been forced to ask for help. Two among the many cases may not be without interest as showing this.

The first, an English woman—her married life begun happily in England—bearing still traces of early beauty and refinement. Having passed through various vicissitudes, and at last parted from her husband, she left her two children at some institution, passed a night at the station-house, and presented herself at our doors, a pitiable object, destitute and discouraged, with apparently no regard for appearances and no hope for the future. Four weeks of wholesome food and the even more wholesome influence of regular life, cleanly dress and habits, were not without effect, and when, at the expiration of that time, she left with her baby, may we not hope it was with better courage and higher aims?

The second, a young German Lutheran, was brought by the husband, an intelligent, respectable man, a good workman, who had up to that time been able to command steady wages, but had failed in getting work, was without money, and was that day turned into the street and unable to provide for his wife that shelter and protection it should be man's

highest pleasure to accord, as it is woman's privilege to receive at such a time. Having heard of this Asylum, he sought it in his extremity, gratefully accepting for his wife what he was unable to provide. Her confinement was severe, puerperal fever following; but careful nursing, under a kind Providence, saved her life, and when she left with a vigorous child it was with an earnest expression of the deepest gratitude for all that this home had been to her. The husband had found work, and was prepared to receive and support them, and they began life again, grateful for aid thus given in their dark days.

The Board of Managers remains the same. Our Matron, Mrs. Hope, continues her able supervision of affairs at the Asylum.

We have sustained a heavy loss in the sudden death during the summer of our resident physician, Dr. Sterling, whose long and successful professional connection with this Asylum had won for him an enviable reputation. His skill as a physician and his kindness as a man will be gratefully remembered by all who knew him. It is with sincere pleasure that we acknowledge our grateful appreciation of the ready sympathy with which Dr. Ward, who had previously occupied Dr. Sterling's place during temporary absence in Europe, again came forward at the time of his death and gratuitously rendered all necessary aid until the election by our Consulting Board of Physicians of Dr. Forest, the present Resident Physician.

Thanks are also due for various donations of articles of use and comfort, which will be specially acknowledged elsewhere.

While feeling keenly, in common with many sister societies, the withdrawal of the liberal donation heretofore granted from the Excise fund, and earnestly hoping that at some future time it may consistently and legally be again appropriated in this way, we cannot be too grateful that we are still enabled to carry on this work, which, though not among the prominent charities of this city, is certainly one of the most useful—and in its direct and wholesome influence, not

only on the mother, but on the little lives begun within these walls, commends itself to Him whose promise is, that love and charity shown to one of the least of these little ones is shown also unto Him.

SARAH B. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 17TH, 1878.

New York Asylum FOR Lying-in Women.	Remaining at Last Report.		Admitted since Last Report.		Discharged since Last Report.		Remaining.		Number who have received care.		Number of Births at Asylum.		Condition of Children at Birth.			Deaths.		Number who have received care since foundation of Asylum.	
	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Who had been confined.	Who were to be confined.	Before confinement.	After confinement.	Who have been confined.	Who are to be confined.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.	Male.	Female.	Healthy.	Feeble.	Still-born.	Women.	Children.	At the Asylum.	At their residences.
	6	12	0	100	13	87	0	0	118	383	49	39	78	6	4	1	3	4,351	15,941
TOTALS,	18		100		100		0		501		88		88			4		20,292	

There were eight instrumental deliveries.

W. E. FOREST, M.D., *Resident Physician.*

REMARKS.

For a long number of years this institution has pursued the even tenor of its way, almost undisturbed by disease and death. Not only has it escaped those devastating epidemics that not unfrequently sweep through the wards of institutions of the character of this one, but it has heretofore been singularly exempt from those fatal accidents incident to the puerperal state.

The history of the year just closed, however, presents a striking contrast to that of former years in respect to the visitations of disease and death.

At the very beginning of the year, only a few weeks subsequent to the last annual meeting, the Resident Physician, Thos. B. Sterling, was taken away by death. For a period of nearly eighteen years he had given his services to the institution, fulfilling its duties with rare ability and fidelity. He was a gentleman well known to the friends of this institution, and known and respected by the medical profession of this city. Resolutions of esteem for his character and regret for his death have been forwarded to the institution from the Academy of Medicine.

The death of one woman is reported. A mother by the very effort of giving birth to her child was smitten by death.

The rupture of the maternal organ, an event as unexpected and as sudden as would be a flash of lightning from a clear sky, brought almost instant death to the babe, and speedy and unavoidable death to the mother.

We have to record four still-births among the children born at the Asylum: one due to the accident to the mother mentioned above; another to a misplacement of the child; a third

had been dead for some time before birth; and the fourth was due to an abnormality of the maternal parts. The record shows that three of the children born at the Asylum died after birth, an unusual mortality for this institution.

One of these was delivered by version, and died an hour after birth.

A second was a very puny child, and lived but two days after birth, while the third died from a disease inherited from its parents.

The cause of this unusual mortality may not be very evident, and any explanation must be more or less hypothetical, yet we venture to suggest that most of it has been due to the destitution and suffering of the mothers, incident to these hard times.

The deterioration in the health of the mothers has reacted upon that of the children, and as a consequence, we have had an unusual number of still-births, of deaths among the children, and an unusual number of feeble children.

It is the testimony of our experienced and capable Matron, Mrs. Hope, that during her long experience of twenty-three years in the Asylum, there has never been, in any year, so many women admitted so deteriorated in health, as during the past year. As a fitting close to this fatal year, and perhaps springing from the same cause—the deteriorated health of the inmates, an epidemic of puerperal fever has swept through the wards, necessitating the temporary closure of the institution. Nine women in all were attacked by this fever. Fortunately all recovered, though some came back from the very portals of death. The recovery of every patient from so fatal a disease as puerperal fever is a remarkable result, and, under Providence, was perhaps due to the thorough antiseptic treatment to which the patients were subjected.

This treatment the progress of medical science has but lately fully developed, and we may almost hope that a thorough application of this principle of treatment may, in the near future, rob this dread disease of its terrors.

We cannot close this report without speaking a word of commendation in praise of our district physicians. They

have been faithful in their attendance upon our cases, and though serving without compensation, and oftentimes visiting among scenes of squalor and destitution that were sickening to witness, yet they have treated their patients with uniform respect and attention.

Many times during the past year the district patients have given unsolicited testimony as to the professional and gentlemanly attentions of our district physicians.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. Forest, M.D.,

Resident Physician.

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Dr.		1877.		*Cr.*
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" Coal and Wood	277 50		" Interest on Investments	2,415 00
" Flour	138 75		" Premium on Gold	30 00
" Matron's Mem., etc	247 76		" Bond called in and paid	1,050 00
" Milk and Ice	178 64			
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" Medicines, etc	61 30			
" Safe Deposit Co	25 00			
" Fire Insurance	21 25			
" Croton Water Tax	20 00			
" Extra for Patients	19 00			
" Two Thousand Chi. and Miss. Bonds	2,097 50			
Balance to New Account	1,888 41			
	$8,075 55			$8,075 55
		1877. April 17.	Balance to New Account	$1,888 41

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" Robbins, G. A..... 3
" Rogers, M..... 3
" Rogers, John L..... 3
" Rapallo, Chas..... 5
" Robinson, Beverly... 5
" Robinson, Douglas.. 5
" Ross, James..... 5
" Richard, A.....10
" Spencer, George G... 5
" Sheafe, J. F..... 5
" Smith, Gamaliel.... 5
" Spencer, Wm. A....10

Mrs.	Stebbins, Henry G.	$5
"	Snow, Robert H.	3
"	Schieffelin, Geo. R.	5
"	Schermerhorn, A.	10
Mrs.	Sturgis, J. T.	5
"	Stuart, R. L.	5
"	Stevens, Alex. H.	5
"	Stevens, A. G.	5
"	Stewart, A. T.	5
Mrs.	Steward, John	$10
St. Andrew's Society		5
Mrs.	Schalk, Emma	5
"	Talbot, G. N.	5
"	Tyng, Stephen	5
"	Thomas, T. G.	5
"	Tomes, Francis	5
"	Wisner, William H.	3
"	Wright, J. Butler	5
Mrs.	Whiting, A.	$5
"	Weeks, John A.	5
"	Williams, John S.	5
"	Wilson, Harris	5
"	Wilder, E. C.	5
Miss	Wolfe, C. L.	10
Mrs.	Worthington, Henry	5
Mr.	Wotherspoon, G.	5
Mrs.	Zabriskie, C. A.	10

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New York Asylum for Lying-in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations and skilful attendance to reputable females who desire an Asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year—but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients in every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential service to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal, by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. The Board of Physicians shall give every assistance to the Managers in the government of the Asylum, and in

the admission of patients. One of them shall attend at every meeting of the Visiting Committee, and one of them shall also report to the Managers at every monthly meeting.

Art. XVIII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XIX. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in-Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this Institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the Institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum, and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in or about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and, in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out, he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that

the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offenders to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless, in the opinion of the Attending Physician, it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting of the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary reading a portion of the Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The report of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the Institution, may next be introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-Laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be afforded.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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" BACHE McEVERS	SECOND "	Staten Island.
" THOMAS COCK	THIRD "	Plainfield, N. J.
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" FREDERICK JONES	FIFTH "	144 East 27th St.
" JOHN H. MORTIMER	SIXTH "	556 Madison Ave.
" J. R. NEVIUS	TREASURER	51 West 28th St.
" HENRY H. ANDERSON	SECRETARY	24 Gramercy Park.

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Mrs. THOMAS W. CLEBKE, 131 E. 34th St.
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HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. HENRY COIT.*
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JEREMIAH COUGHLIN, M.D.

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" J. S. PERKINS, 163 E. 27th St.
" J. H. SPANN, 136 W. 12th St.
" STOYELL C. PARSONS, 207 Henry St.
" GEO. M. SCHWEIG, 495 Lexington Ave.
" H. G. LYTTLE, 155 Grand St.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

As year after year we are called upon to review our work, the conviction is strengthened that the real record of the work of this institution is written rather in the hearts and lives of those who enjoy its privileges and of those who are allowed to minister to them, than in any formal report, however carefully prepared.

We began our year with closed wards, having just passed through a severe visitation of puerperal fever (without, however, any loss of life), after which the building was thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, and on the 15th of May permits were again issued to the many eagerly seeking refuge here. Since then the daily routine has gone on with almost unbroken quiet, and yet this very quiet is our best proof of prosperity.

There has been little severe sickness. One case of threatened puerperal causing alarm and a brief closing of the house. With this exception the health record has been better than for some years. The usual average of women has been admitted to the Asylum, and about the same number as heretofore have received aid and treatment at their own homes. Accurate tables giving these statistics are given with this report.

Our Board of Managers, harmonious and unbroken by discord, has been invaded by death taking from us one of our oldest members, Mrs. R. S. Bullus: earnest, warm-hearted, generous and active, not alone in this, but in many other good works. Her genial presence and loving interest will be missed by all who knew her. While mourning the vacancy occasioned by such a loss, we are also grateful for the addi-

tion to our Board of four (4) new members, cordially welcomed as co-workers by those upon whom the burden has of late fallen somewhat heavily.

It is a source of sincere regret to the Board that our Resident Physician, Dr. Forest, owing to his recent marriage, will not be able longer to remain with us.

We tender him our hearty good wishes, and shall always remember with pleasure his connection with the asylum.

Our financial report is by no means discouraging, for though obliged to incur heavy additional expenses, necessitated by the presence of contagious disease, we have, on the other hand, been remembered with exceptional liberality by our friends. In addition to our subscriptions from old friends, always gratefully acknowledged, we would mention special donations of $250 from Mrs. A. T. Stewart, of $200 from Hon. Henry Hilton, and of $1,600 from the Excise Fund.

Our domestic corps, with our ever faithful matron, Mrs. Hope, at its head, fortunately remains unchanged, and we take up the duties of the coming year with sincere gratitude for past blessings and good hope for the future, earnestly commending this work to all who would extend to suffering woman comfort and shelter in her extremest need, and, above all, commending it to Him without whose aid we can do no good thing.

SARAH B. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

April, 1879.

NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

REPORT OF RESIDENT PHYSICIAN FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 16, 1879.

Remaining at last report	None
Admitted since last report	95
Discharged since last report:	
Before confinement	10
After "	75
Remaining:	
Who have been confined	2
Who are to be confined	8
Number of births at Asylum:	
Males	41
Females	35
Condition of children at birth:	
Healthy	68
Feeble	6
Still-born	2
Number who have received care since foundation of Asylum:	
At the Asylum	4,446
At their residences	16,397
Total	20,843

Number of applications for District Physicians during past year, 456.

REMARKS.

In presenting the foregoing report for the past year, very little comment on my part is necessary. The statistics of the past year, showing the Asylum to have escaped devastating epidemics as well as (with one exception) those fatal accidents incident to the puerperal state, speaks more eloquently of the successful and harmonious management of the institution than any remarks that I can make. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is one of those divine searching truths that may be applied to institutions as well as to individuals; and by this test this institution may confidently ask that it shall be judged.

In referring to the report, the most noticeable thing is the unusually small number of confinements during the year just past. The reason for this will be sufficiently obvious when it is remembered that the institution commenced the year with closed doors. An epidemic of puerperal fever, from which happily we escaped without the loss of a single patient, necessitated the extreme measure of the temporary closure of the Asylum. Consequently for a period of two months, one-sixth of the year, there were no confinements in this institution. During this time the whole building was thoroughly disinfected and renovated. The usefulness of this measure is shown by the fact that there were no cases of fever during the past year.

The two deaths among the infants mentioned in the report were: one from convulsions (cause unknown), and the other from hæmorrhage from the navel. This occurred the third day after the birth of the child, and was not discovered in

time to save the child's life. This form of hæmorrhage is not due to any mismanagement of the child, but, as far as is known, to a hæmorrhagic diathesis. It is usually fatal.

There were two still-births during the year: one in a case of Podalic version, and the other in a case of partial placenta previa. This latter condition is often fatal to both mother and child; but in this case the mother was saved. The condition was unsuspected until labor had commenced, and then nature terminated the labor before I could be summoned.

Among the mothers there was one death, a case of peritonitis following an operation of Podalic version by the Attending Physician.

W. E. Forest, M.D.,
Resident Physician.

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

Dr.			1878.		*Cr.*
To paid for Provisions	$871 62		April 17.	By balance to New Account	$1,888 41
" Groceries	670 12			" Donations	2,523 50
" Salaries and Wages, with extra	908 00			" Subscriptions	460 00
" Coal	220 50			" Interest on Investments	2,393 00
" Flour	116 00			" Premium on Gold	5 00
" Matron's Mem., etc	218 85				
" Milk and Ice	167 48				
" Repairs	281 95				
" Furniture and Dry Goods	79 01				
" Printing, Advertising, etc	75 37				
" House-cleaning	40 75				
" Gas	59 50				
" Medicines	47 82				
" Safe Deposit Co	25 00				
" Fire Insurance	21 25				
" Croton Tax	20 00				
" Board of Patients (Outside)	16 20				
Balance to New Account	3,430 49				
		$7,269 91			$7,269 91
			1879. April 16.	Balance to New Account	$3,430 49

E. E., New York, April 16, 1879.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

DONATIONS.

FROM APRIL 17, 1878, TO APRIL 16, 1879.

From Comptroller pro. rata Excise Fund	$600 00
Mrs. E. W. Bunker, by Mrs. Nevius	50 00
" R. S. Bullus, by Mrs. Nevius	25 00
" C. D. Mead, by Mrs. Hope	10 00
Mr. James E. Knapp, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" Albert Kelley, by Mrs. Kelley	5 00
Mrs. J. L. Graham, by Mrs. Hope	20 00
" Henry Pellew, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" G. Haven Putnam, by Mrs Hope	3 00
" Henry P. Rodgers, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" J. C. Wilmerding, by Mrs. Hope	2 00
" Edwin M. Cox, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" W. G. Low, by Mrs. Hope	10 00
" Denistown Wood, by Mrs. Hope	10 00
Dr. R. S. Bullus, by Mrs. Nevius	25 00
Mr. W. Forbes Morgan, by Mrs Hope	5 00
Mrs. T. M. Cheesman, L. M., by Mrs. Nevius	25 00
Bonesteel & Winchell, by Mrs. Hope	2 00
Mrs. Emma Reed, by Mrs. Burrall	5 00
" Alex. T. Stewart, by Mrs. Nevius	250 00
Ex-Judge H. Hilton, by Mrs. Nevius	200 00
Mrs. James R. Dondge, by Mrs. Hope	50
" W. W. Adams, by Mrs. Hope	2 00
" A. G. Semon, by Mrs. Hope	4 00
" R. L. Eugs, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" Wm. Bunker, by Mrs. Nevius	25 00
" James Lenox, by Mrs. Nevius	50 00
Pro. rata Excise Fund, by Comptroller	1,000 00
Mrs. W. M. Smallwood, by Mrs. Hope	2 00
" D. C. Weeks, by Mrs. Hope	2 00
" Fred. C. Colton, by Mrs. Hope	2 00
" R. King, by Mrs. Hope	5 00
" Ledyard, by Mrs. Hope	10 00

Mrs. Peter T. Homer, Executor, by Mrs. Nevius	$50 00
" Wm. Adams, by Mrs. Emmet	50 00
" M. E. Barker, by Mrs. Hope	50 00
	$2,523 50

DONATIONS OTHER THAN MONEY.

From

Mr. R. Fulton Cutting, strawberries and cut flowers.
Mrs. T. A. Emmet, Thanksgiving dinner.
Mrs. Ward, 1 dozen pair of socks.
Mrs. White, 2 barrels of apples.
Dr. T. F. Cork, a valuable library of medical books.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

Benefactors, by contributing Fifty Dollars and upwards.

Mr. Astor, John Jacob
" Austin, David
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" Bowne, Walter
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" Brown, James
" Bruen, A.
Dr. Cock, Thomas
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Mr. Douglas, George
" Darling, Thomas
" Field, Moses
" Field, Hickson W.
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" Griswold, George
" Halsey, John C.
" Haines, R. T.
" Heard, James
" Halstead, William H.
" Ibbotson, Henry
" Johnson, John
" Johnson, John T.
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" Lawrence, C. W.
" Lovett, James
" Lorillard, Jacob
" Lorillard, George
" Leggett, Samuel
" Lee, Gideon
" Lenox, James
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New York Asylum for Lying-in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations and skilful attendance to reputable females who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year; but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated, and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients in every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential service to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal, by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of

Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XVIII. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum, and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in or about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in Attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and, in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out, he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that

the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offenders to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless, in the opinion of the Attending Physician, it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated, unless, in the opinion of the Physician, health or condition will not permit.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting of the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary reading a portion of the Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The report of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the institution may be next introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting shall pay a fine of twenty five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be afforded.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.

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THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Again we present our Annual Report, giving those interested a record of the work done in the Asylum during this, its fifty-seventh year.

Statistics giving the number of women receiving aid, both in the Asylum and at their own houses, from district physicians, will be found with the report. To these figures there is little to add but grateful acknowledgment of a season of more than usual prosperity, for we have this year been spared the presence of contagious disease, and have had fewer deaths among both mothers and children, than in some previous years.

One case of which it is necessary to make here but brief mention, as it will be fully noticed in the medical report, we will, however, record with gratitude: the successful performance here of an operation but rarely accomplished in this country, the subject having recovered health and strength, and eliciting warm commendation from the physicians for the quiet courage with which she met the ordeal.

Among the recipients of the benefits offered by this Asylum there are many who for the first time ask such charity, but receive it in all cases most appreciatively. There is, however, a growing feeling among those most interested in having this Institution accomplish its mission to the fullest extent possible, that there should be among those admitted here a larger proportion from a better class, who if once brought here would realize the wisdom of escaping for a time from the wearing anxieties of a small house, to receive here good care and attendance, relieved at the same time from the expense attendant upon such sickness, which proves sometimes to a

man who can readily meet the ordinary demands of a family, the one draft too much upon his scanty purse, and involves him later in poverty and debt.

Thanks are due for substantial aid and encouragement, in subscriptions and donations in money and provisions. To the present Comptroller especial thanks are tendered for one thousand dollars ($1,000), appropriated by the Excise Fund, as acceptable as it is timely.

We are fortunate in having a working Board of Managers, which has met with no changes this year. The division of labor has been perhaps somewhat less unequal than in previous years. The corps of employees in the house, with Mrs. Hope at its head, is also unchanged.

There have been but few repairs necessary in the house, everything of that kind having been so thoroughly done in the year preceding; and the whole building is believed to be now in a remarkably healthful condition, especially in regard to the vital points of plumbing and ventilation.

We can look back with gratitude upon the year just passed, thankful for the share of women's work we have been permitted to do, and hoping to do more and better in the years to come.

New York, 1880.

NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN.

REPORT OF RESIDENT PHYSICIAN FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 21, 1880.

Remaining at last report	10
Admitted since last report	94
Discharged since last report:	
Before confinement	6
After "	92
Remaining:	
Who have been confined	0
Who are to be confined	4
Number of births at Asylum:	
Males	45
Females	49
Condition of children at birth:	
Healthy	84
Feeble	6
Still-born	4
Number who have received care since foundation of Asylum:	
At the Asylum	4,408
At their residences	16,746
Total	21,154

Number of applications for District Physicians during past year, 349.

REMARKS.

Congratulations may well be indulged in by all, notwithstanding the slight increase in the death-rate, on account of the proverbial prosperity of the Asylum and its singular immunity from epidemic disease.

Ninety-four children have been born during the year, amongst them two sets of twins. Of the ninety-four, four were still-born, and two died from convulsions (causes unknown), and one from *Atelectasis pulmonum*, or imperfect expansion of the lungs.

One mother, who entered the Asylum in a very debilitated condition, died on the fourth day after her confinement, from double pneumonia, a disease which is almost invariably fatal.

The most interesting fact in referring to the report is the unusual number of confinements during the year, and this would be largely increased were it not that a falling off occurred since last December.

An explanation of this phenomenon, and one which has been ascertained not only within the Asylum, but also beyond its walls, is the injurious effects which the press had at that time in alarming the minds of the class of women to whom this management extends its aid, by accounts, whether exaggerated or not, of other charitable institutions.

The City Mission, in providing nurses, those good ladies, who like the Master "go about doing good," to visit the women at their own homes, has detained many who otherwise would be compelled to seek the shelter of the Asylum.

There has been no contagion, no puerperal disease, no peritonitis among the patients during the past year; none of those dreadful diseases which bring dire destruction with them, and which may at any time happen in such an institu-

tion, having its source in the contagion derived from one another, the attendants, the physicians, or the house itself.

For this great blessing we should be thankful to God, "who healeth all our infirmities," for protecting and guiding this admirable charity in its wonted course so quietly and so harmoniously. We may be assured that the accustomed work of the Asylum has been performed in a careful and satisfactory manner.

And here it gives me sincere pleasure to add that this exceedingly good state of things is entirely due to the good management of the house, the watchful attention, the good judgment, the motherly care displayed so constantly, not only to the patients, but also to all others in the house by the Matron, Mrs. Hope, who in a few months will have completed a quarter of a century of incessant and arduous duty in the Asylum.

The district physicians have been very frequently called upon. The thanks of the management are due them for promptness in responding to the three hundred and forty-nine women at their homes, and the care displayed in their attendance on them.

Of the two confined women remaining in the house at the last report, and the ninety-two who have been confined since, eighty-seven mothers have gone out carrying eighty-nine healthy children, and none now remain.

It is proper for me at this time to refer to an operation the only one of the kind performed in the history of this institution, and one which all who have a love not only for obstetric art, but also for mankind, must rejoice in, namely, laparo-elytrotomy, a substitute for the Cesarean section.

The child in the case of this woman was already dead, but could not be delivered "per vias naturales;" hence, some capital operation was indicated in order to preserve the life of the mother. This operation was selected, performed, and the patient recovered.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH COUGHLIN, M.D.,

Resident Physician.

THE NEW YORK ASYLUM FOR LYING-IN WOMEN, IN ACCOUNT WITH SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

Dr.			1879.		*Cr.*	
To paid for Provisions	$798	00	April 16.	By balance to New Account	$3,430	49
" Groceries	757	97		" Donations, with Excise fund pro rata.	1,565	50
" Salaries and Wages	877	00		" Subscriptions	317	00
" Coal	148	75		" Interest on Investments	2,235	75
" Flour	90	75		" Converting 5-20 U.S. Bonds into 4 per cent.	963	75
" Matron's Mem., etc	197	17				
" Milk and Ice	165	46				
" Repairs	199	73				
" Furniture and Dry Goods	72	75				
" Printing, Advertising, etc	73	85				
" House-cleaning	39	50				
" Gas	54	10				
" Medicines	38	85				
" Safe Deposit Co	25	00				
" Fire Insurance	21	25				
" Croton Tax	18	00				
Balance to New Account	4,934	36				
	$8,512	49			$8,512	49
			1880. April 21.	Balance to New Account	$4,934	36

E. E., New York, April 21, 1880.

SARAH B. NEVIUS, TREASURER.

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FROM APRIL 16, 1879, TO APRIL 21, 1880.

From Dr. Robt. S. Bullus, by Mrs. Nevius	$17 00
Mrs. S. B. W. McLeod, by Mrs. Nevius	3 00
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" Steward, John. 10
St. Andrew's Society. 5
Mrs. Schalk, Emma. 5
" Talbot, G. N. 5
" Tyng, Stephen. 5
" Thomas, T. G. 5
" Tomes, Francis. 5
" Vanderpoel, A. 5
" Wright, J. Butler... 5
" Whiting, A. 5
" Weeks, John A. 5
" Williams, John S.... 5
" Wilson, Harris. 5
" Wilder, E. C. 5
" Worthington, Henry, 5
" Ware, Henry H. 5
" Wendell, Jacob... 5
" Zabriskie, C. A. 10

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ACT OF INCORPORATION—*Passed March 9th*, 1827.

Art. I. This Society shall be denominated "The New York Asylum for Lying-in Women."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to furnish comfortable accommodations and skilful attendance to reputable females who desire an asylum during the period of their confinement.

Art. III. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-three females, who shall elect by ballot, from their own number, a First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Directress, a Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year; but any one or all of them shall be re-eligible to office at the pleasure of the Managers.

Art. IV. The Managers shall appoint a Board of Superintending and Consulting Physicians, who shall hold their places until displaced by a unanimous vote of their associates.

Art. V. The Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own Board; the Physicians shall in like manner have power to fill all vacancies in their Board, and to appoint all the medical officers of the Asylum. All other offices and appointments shall be made, designated, and filled, at the pleasure of the Managers, who shall also have power to call special meetings.

Art. VI. Each subscriber of not less than three dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. VII. Each subscriber of five dollars annually shall be a member of the Society, and entitled to recommend, each year of the continuance of such subscription, two patients to the Asylum.

Art. VIII. Each contributor of twenty-five dollars at one time shall be an Honorary Member for life, and be entitled to recommend to the Asylum one patient in every year.

Art. IX. Each contributor of forty dollars at one time shall be a Patron of the Society, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum two patients in every year.

Art. X. Each contributor of fifty dollars at one time shall be a Benefactor, and entitled to recommend to the Asylum three patients annually.

Art. XI. The Board of Managers shall have power to elect such persons Honorary Members as shall have, by their influence or contributions, rendered essential service to the Asylum.

Art. XII. The Managers shall meet monthly, or oftener by adjournment if necessary.

Art. XIII. Seven Managers shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to the transaction of any business, except the disposal, by sale or otherwise, of the property or stock composing the permanent funds of the corporation, or of its real estate; for which purpose (so excepted) thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and of whom at least one Directress and the Treasurer for the time being shall always constitute a part; and the concurrence of one of them shall be requisite to give effect to the measure proposed.

Art. XIV. The Directress first in numerical order who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers, or of the Society; and, in case of the absence of all the Directresses, such other Manager shall preside as shall be designated by those present for that purpose.

Art. XV. The Managers shall appoint a Visiting Committee from their own number, monthly or quarterly, who shall attend at the Asylum on two days of every week, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to receive and decide upon all applications of patients for admission to the Asylum, and for which purpose they shall have discretionary powers.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall report in writing to the Managers, at each monthly meeting.

Art. XVII. No person can be eligible to be elected Manager, or entitled to a vote at the annual election for a Board of

Managers, except such persons of the female sex as now are or hereafter shall be yearly subscribers to the amount of three dollars.

Art. XVIII. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, at 12 o'clock, when the concurrence of four-fifths of the members present may make such alterations in the Constitution as they may deem advisable.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York Asylum for Lying-in Women.

ARTICLE I.

Officers.

THE officers shall perform the duties directed by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society.

ARTICLE II.

Directresses.

I. The First Directress shall, whenever requested in writing by any three of the Managers, call a special meeting of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of meeting; a notice of which shall be given to each Manager at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting.

II. The First Directress shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by special resolution of the Board.

III. She shall have no vote on any question unless there should be an equal division of voices.

IV. Two of the Directresses shall visit the Asylum at least once in every month, to inspect the general state of the Institution, and shall report their observations thereon at the monthly meeting of the Managers.

V. If the office of First Directress should be vacant, or when she shall be absent, the highest Directress present shall succeed to all her rights and duties.

ARTICLE III.

Secretary.

I. She shall attend the meetings of the Managers and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose.

II. She shall give notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board, to each of the Managers, at least one day previous to such meeting.

III. At every meeting she shall read the minutes of the previous meeting at length.

IV. She shall notify each Manager of her election, immediately after the anniversary meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer shall give to the Society sufficient and ample security for the fulfilment of her duties; she shall have the custody of all the funds of the Society, together with all papers and documents relating to its property.

II. She shall pay no moneys for the expenses of the institution without a written order from the Visiting Committee, or by a resolution of the Board.

III. She shall keep a book in which shall be contained an account of the receipts and disbursements of the institution.

IV. It shall be her duty to report the state of the Treasury to the Board at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Visiting Committee.

I. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three Managers, to serve three months each, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. They shall determine whether the applicant shall be received on the funds of the Society, or as a pay patient, and in the latter case they shall agree upon the price to be paid weekly, and take such security as they may deem requisite.

III. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein the names of all patients received or discharged, and of such other business as comes before them, which book must be laid before the Managers at every meeting.

IV. No applicants shall be admitted unless they have been six months in the country.

V. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this institution, provided such orders and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

VI. If any patient shall leave the house, without permission, or otherwise misbehave, the Committee may at their discretion discharge her.

VII. They shall take care that the institution is supplied with Bibles and such other religious books as they may think useful.

VIII. They shall have a general charge and care of the property of the Asylum, and shall frequently remind the Matron and servants of the necessity of economy, cleanliness, and good conduct in the discharge of their several duties.

IX. They shall have power to hire and dismiss all the nurses and servants employed in or about the Asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

Inspecting Committee.

I. The Inspecting Committee shall consist of two Managers, to serve two months, one of them to be appointed at each monthly meeting.

II. It shall be the duty of the Inspecting Committee to inquire whether the By-Laws and Regulations of the Managers, relative to the management and economy of the house, are carried into effect.

III. It shall be their duty at each weekly visit to inquire into the behavior of the Matron and nurses towards the patients, to examine particularly whether economy be observed, and as to the cleanliness of the apartments and bedding, whether the provisions are of good quality, and whether the patients are allowed a sufficient quantity; they are also to inquire whether any improvement can be made for the greater comfort of the patients.

IV. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein their proceedings and observations relative to all the objects of their appointment, which book shall be laid before the Managers at every monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Physicians.

I. The Board of Physicians shall make such arrangements that the Asylum may be attended in the manner hereinafter directed.

II. One Physician shall visit every patient in the Asylum once a week, and oftener if necessary, and if from any cause he should be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to procure the attendance of another member of the Board.

III. They shall appoint a Resident Physician, whose duty it shall be to attend in all ordinary cases which may occur in the house.

IV. In all difficult cases it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician to give immediate notice to the Physician in Attendance, who shall thereupon visit the Asylum, and render such assistance as shall be found necessary, and, in case a consultation shall be by him deemed advisable, all the Consulting Physicians shall be invited.

V. Whenever the Resident Physician goes out, he shall leave notice with the Matron where he may be found.

VI. He shall keep a register of all cases which may occur in the Asylum. In this register shall be entered the name and age of the patient, and such other circumstances in relation to the case as may be thought interesting.

VII. The Consulting Physicians may recommend patients to be received during the recess of the Visiting Committee, in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE VIII.

Matron.

I. The Managers shall appoint a Matron, who shall hold her office during the pleasure of the Board.

II. She shall have a general charge of the Asylum, and see that

the Regulations of the Managers and the directions of the Visiting Committee are carried into effect; she shall purchase, under the directions of the Visiting Committee, fuel, provisions, and all other stores for the use of the Asylum.

III. She shall keep under her key all wines, spirits, sugar, and molasses, and all other stores and necessaries.

IV. She must take care of all the household goods and furniture.

V. All the patients, nurses, and servants must be obedient to her, and must not go out of the house without special permission. She shall take particular care that no wine or spirits are used in the Asylum, except by direction of the Physician, for the use of the patients.

VI. If the nurses, servants, or patients shall use profane language, or otherwise misbehave, she shall report the offenders to the Visiting Committee.

VII. If a patient should die in the house, leaving clothes or other articles of value, the Matron shall report the same to the Visiting Committee, who shall make a minute of such report in their book, and give her the necessary directions.

ARTICLE IX.

Patients.

I. No patient shall leave the house unless by permission of the Matron, nor introduce any spirituous liquors into the Asylum.

II. Such patients as are able shall assist in nursing others, and in such other services as the Matron shall require.

III. No person shall remain in the Asylum more than four weeks after confinement, unless, in the opinion of the Attending Physician, it shall be necessary.

IV. No infant shall be permitted to be taken from the Asylum without having been previously vaccinated, unless, in the opinion of the Physician, health or condition will not permit.

V. If any patient shall not conform to the foregoing regulations, or shall use profane or indecent language, or be guilty of any other immorality, the Matron, with the consent of the Resident Physician, may immediately discharge her.

ARTICLE X.

Order of Business.

I. After the Board is called to order, no person shall speak audibly, excepting of the immediate business of the meeting, and addressing herself to the presiding officer.

II. The meeting shall be opened by the Secretary reading a portion of the Scripture.

III. The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and approved.

IV. The unfinished business of the last meeting.

V. The report of Special Committees.

VI. The report of the Physicians.

VII. The report of the Visiting Committee.

VIII. The report of the Inspecting Committee.

IX. The report of the Treasurer.

X. The report of the respective Committees in the order specified above for the reports.

XI. Any other business connected with the interests of the institution may be next introduced for consideration, which, when practicable, shall be done by written resolution.

ARTICLE XI.

By-Laws.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to the By-laws without notice thereof being given at least one month.

ARTICLE XII.

Addenda.

I. Every Manager who shall be absent thirty minutes after the time appointed for meeting shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents, unless a satisfactory reason can be afforded.

II. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the first Tuesday in the month, the meeting will be held the next Tuesday; should that also be unpleasant, on the succeeding Tuesday.

NOTICE.—The Visiting Committee attend at the Asylum, 85 Marion Street, on Tuesday of every week, between the hours of Eleven and One o'clock.